No blame verdict on Biko death brings wide protests

plame for the death of Steve Biko, he detained black activist. After he inquest verdict was announced, chanted: "Our only sin is that we incredible.

A South African magistrate yesterare black". Earlier a brother and lay cleared the security police of cousin of Mr Biko were detained for a time in police raids in Soweto township, Johannesburg. The inquest verdict was denounced in demonstrators outside the court London and Washington as

should be any further investiga-tion or any other action taken. It is uncertain whether the

magistrate will make public at a later stage the reasons for his ruling. Mr Chenty said he hoped he would, but there is

nothing under South African law which obliges him to do

No form of appeal is open to the Biko family, although they could seek a review of the magistrate's findings before a

Supreme Court judge. Lawyers would first have to show that no

reasonable judicial officer could have come to the same

conclusion as the presiding magistrate on the basis of the

known evidence. It is thought most unlikely that a review

will be sought.
It is possible, however, that

23 MPs denounce 'murder'

farcel Berlins
retoria, Dec 2
No one could be found
riminally responsible for the
leath in detention of Steve
Biko, the South African Black
ingclousness leader, the preiding magistrate at the inmest maled today.
The megistrate. Mr Martinus
Prins, said that Mr Biko's
leath "could not on the eviience be uttributed to any act
r omission amounting to a

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any person."

file ruling, given after 15

type of hearings, was delivered

ret in Afrikaans and then in

English, and lasted a mere three minutes.

There was a stunned silence and then a gasp of disbellef from the two bundred people, rost of them black, who were in court to hear the verdict. in court to hear the vardict. Immediately afterwards groups of blacks gathered outside the Old Synagogue, where the inouest had been held, to sing freedom songs. "They have killed Steve Biko", they phanted. "What have we done? Our only sin is that we are black."

Earlier two members of Mr.

Earlier two members of Mr Biko's family as well as 11 wher Africans, some of them friends of the family, were detained by the police in pre-dawn raids in Soweto, the huge hick township just outside Johannesburg

Johannesburg
Mr. Biko's brother Khaya,
who had been attending the
inquest each day, and his
cousin Mr Soloman Biko, were
later reported to have been
freed

freed.

Many of the others were associated with the Black Consciousness organization which were banned on October 19. They included two Anglican priests, the Rev Stephen Mashikame Montjane and the Rev Jeffray Maseloane, and two leaders of the recently formed Sovieto Action Committee, Mr. Lucas Ngaitane and Mr. M. J. K. Molope.

Molope.
According to Mr Shon Cherry. he Biko family attorney, it was believed the detentions were in connexion with a pamphlet issued by the Soweto Action Committee which called on township residents not to partiripate in the new community yesterday.

Leading trade unions are to

press Labour policy-makers next week for a full inquiry into the organization and structure of

The Prime Minister is sympa-

kers' and the Transport and

Mr Callaghan has previously

By Michael Hattield

Political Reporter

General Workers'.

ccuncils proposed by the Gov-

duced vesterday. In his ruling the magistrate, who sat with two medical assessors, formally accepted the findings of a post-mortem report that Mr Biko died from extensive brain injuries followed by complications leading to uraemia and renal failure. He said the main injury was apparently sustained on the morning of September 7 when Mr Biko was allegedly involved in a scuffle with the police. in a scuffle with the police.

According to evidence sub-mitted by members of the Port Elizabeth security police who interrogated him, Mr Biko went "berserk" and had to be forcibly subdued. The police suggested that Mr Biko probably sustained his head injury during the structle that are started. during the struggle that custed.
The only member of Mr
Biko's family in court to hear the ruling today was his widow. Mrs Ntsiki Biko. She declined to comment on it. His mother, who had been present through-

out the inquest, was said to be too tired to attend today. Counsel for the Biko family,
Mr Sydney Kentridge, was also
absent, but this is customary
practice for senior counsel
when a ruling is given.
A spokesman for the Department of Justice said the record

ment of Justice said the record of the inquest would now go to



Mrs Biko after the verdict

ernment and to refuse to pay rent increases which were intro-duced vesterday.

and Denial Council.

Mr Biko was the twentierh person to have died while being held in police custody since March last year.

In his final sobmission to the magistrate yesterday Mr Kentridee argued that the only reasonable verdict was to find that Mr Biko's death was due to criminal assault by one or the Attorney General of Transvaal as a matter of routine. It was up to the Attorney

to criminal assault by one or more of the eight security policemen in whose custody he was held in Port Elizabeth. The fact that the magistrate's ruling exonerates the police provoked immediate criticism from both blacks and whites attending the inquest. One of the diplomatic observers who was present said it was "totally London: In the Commons, 23

MPs signed a motion condeming "the murder of Steve Biko". The British Council of Churches said the verdict was ment expressed shock at the arrest of relatives of Mr Biko,

and termed the inquest finding "inconceivable".



First official visit: Mr Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, holding a tarmac press conference at Heathrow vesterday at the beginning of his official visit to Britain, the first by an Israeli premier. On Mr Begin's right is his wife. With them are Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary (right), and Mrs

Mr Begin will discuss his latest pro-posals for a peace treaty with Egypt

and other Arab states when his talks with Mr Callaghan open at Downing Street this evening, Our Diplomatic

Correspondent writes.

At Heathrow Mr Begin said he brought from Jerusalem "a suggestion to renew the covenant (of the Balfour Declaration) signed between the British and Jewish people 60 years ago on that unforgettable day, November 2, 1917." This was taken to be a figurative

sources, as no communique is expected to be issued after the talks, which con-tinue tomorrow, concluding with a dinner given by Mr and Mrs Begin for their British hosts on Sunday evening to mark the end of the official visit. Mr Begin will spend Monday and Tuesday meeting leaders of the Jewish community and MPs. He leaves on Wednesday. Tripoli summit, page 4

£130m nuclear station | TUC leaves firemen may be written off

By Pearce Wright Science Editor

It is possible, however, that there could be further inquiry into the conduct of the three Port Elizabeth doctors involved in the case, Under the Medical, Dental and Pharmacy Act it is obligatory for a judicial officer in a case involving the conduct of practitioners to consider whether of not to forward the papers to the Medical and Dental Council. A £130m atomic power station that was brought into operation less than a year ago by the South of Scotland Electricity board may be written off because of extensive damage caused by seawater leaking into the cooling system of the nuclear reactor.

The trouble at the Hunters-ton B site has embarrassed the Government at a time when the Cabinet is considering whether that type of advanced gas cooled reactor should be chosen for two large nuclear power stations that would begin con-struction in 1980, and which would take six to seven years to complete. The Hunterston B site diffi-

culties must throw into doubt the preference expressed this week by the newly formed Energy Commission for this British design of reactor over the alternative American type of presswiged material reactors. Opinion in favour of the advanced gas cooled reactor has been growing over the past year because it seemed that that Vorster victory speech, page 5 design system was emerging from teething troubles.

The only other new advanced gas cooled reactor brought into operation by the Central Electricity Generating Board, at Hinkley Point B, Somerset, has also suffered technical snags, but for different reasons.

The trouble at Hunterston started in October, when the generating board disclosed that salt water had entered the system. The reactor was shut down for an investigation, which is still continuing.

Mr Roy Berridge, chairman of the South of Scotland Electricity Board, said yesterday that a provisional assessment indicated that the reactor could be out of operation for a year and that repairs could cost £14m.

He said the costs would include up to £3m this year for running alternative plants and up to 58m next year. Electricity tariffs would have to rise by between 1 and,2 per cent. Mr Berridge added; "That,

of course, is a worse situation than we see at the moment. In the current financial year this incident will not put us into a loss-making situation and we Continued on page 2, col 1

to fight on alone

By Paul Routledge abour Editor

TUC leaders turned their backs yesterday on a confronta-tion with the Government over its 10 per cent wage restraint guidelines and left the striking firemen to battle on alone for pay rises in breach of the Cabinet's incomes policy. The TUC's inner cabinet, its

finance and general purposes committee, decided unanimously that "the Government is not likely to be deflected from its present course of action", rejected demands for a campaign against the pay policy, and urged the Fire Brigades Union (PBU) to seek a settlement with the employers on the lines proposed by the Prime Minister earlier this week.

The tacit acceptance of the incomes policy is bound to deter other groups of workers from seeking to break through the 10 per cent limit. Some firemen's leaders accused the TUC of treachery and of pang to the Admin In five hours of talks at Congress House in London FBU

leaders had sought to enlist the big battalions of the labour movement in a general attack on what they saw as the Government's inflexible attitude towards pay.

The 10 per cent limit on earn-

ings rises, firemen argue, was being imposed on unions with the force of legislation.
But the TUC committee did

not support their request for a positive campaign against the incomes policy. More than that, other union leaders take the view that a return to free col-lective bargaining recognizes that not only unions but also employers, including the gov-

ernment, enjoy the same

Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, said after the talks: "We cannot envisage action that could be taken which would deflect the Goverament from that position."

The situation was entirely different from that obtaining during the 1974 miners' strike. "It ing the 19/4 miners strike. It is not always easy to give advice that will be resented. But we would not be helping members of the FBU if we created in their minds an expectation that we believe cannot be fulfilled. The TUC advised the firemen

to go back and talk to their employers on the proposed pay formula for the fire service, which includes a reduction in working hours. Any such deal would be underwritten by the Government,

It could be recommended to a recalled firemen's delegate conference, the body that called the strike three weeks ago and which has the sole power to call it off.

In a statement after yester-day's talks the TUC said the firemen had attracted widespread sympathy even though they were reluctant to strike. Their strike had produced a positive result. "It has led the Prime

Minister to make to the union an unprecedented offer to underwrite a pay formula which will be sustained even in the event of unforeseen economic difficulties. This, together with a reduction in hours from 48 to 42 in November, 1978, will produce a situation which the FBU has been seeking for many

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Soviet violinist is hoping to stay in West

Gidon Kremer, the brilliant young Soviet violinist, winding up a tour of West Germany and Austria, has appeared on West German television to discuss his application to the Soviet Ministry of Culture for permission to spend the next two years in the West.

He has made his tour as soloist with the Vilna Chamber Orchestra, which will give its final concert on Tuesday week. Mr Kremer's meteoric rise to world fame as a virtuoso begin in 1970 when he won the Tchaikovsky first prize in Moscow. He enjoys particular sucress in Germany.

If Mr Kremer does remain in the West, he would not be the first prominent Soviet musician to do so. The pianist, Vladimir Ashkenazy, after marrying an Icelandic music student in Moscow, successfully applied to the Soviet Minister. applied to the Soviet Minister of Culture for permission to live abroad. He subsequently abroad. He subsequently acquired Icelandic citizenship and lives in London.

Mstislav Rostropovich, the great cellist and his wife, the soprano Galina Vishneyskava, bad strong artistic differences with Soviet cultural functionaries and now live in the West but remain Soviet citizens.

The BBC Symphony Orches-

tra's new conductor. Gennedi Rozhdestvensky, who has held a regular conducting post in stockholm, continues to maintain his primary residence in

Moscow.
On West German television
Mr Kremer took exception to having the term "dissident" applied to him. "I should like to avoid that word", he said, "because people use it with

different meanings".

If he received a positive response to my application. I hope that it will become possible not only for me, but also for other artists to have the opportunity to unfold artisti-cally, and I hope also that the

Russian artist and the Russian heart will be more understood in the West".

Mr Kremer, born in Riga 30 years ago, said he was ethnically a mixture. "I grew up in the Soviet Republic of Latvia, and have 30 years of association with that region. My mother came from Karlsruhe. My Jewich for the American from the Palicies ish father came from the Baltic. My grandfather, whose violin I play, came from Göreburg. For the past 11 years I have lived

in Moscow."

He has chosen a path considerably at variance with that of most young Soviet violin virtuosos, who generally concentrations of the page o trate on the romantic reper-toire and bravura pyrotechnics. Mr Kremer makes it a prin-ciple to include in every recital programme a contemporary

KGB question writer, page 5

Desert air crash kills 56 pilgrims

Paris, Dec 2.—Fifty-six people died and 46 were injured when an aircraft carrying Libyan pil-grims home from Mecca crashlanded in desert near Benghazi today, according to a Libyan news agency dispatch monitored

The aircraft, a Soviet-built Tupoley, was carriyng 165 pas-sengers and a crew of six. It was said to have run out of fuel.—

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questioned the structure of the party, believing that there should be greater regional representation and that the method of election to the national exe-

Fares rise

deferred

for a week After protests from booking office staff, British Rail has postponed fares rises of between 14 and 16 per cent planned for January 1. They will take effect on January 8 take effect on January 8. Mr Norman Hitchen, assistant general secretary of the Transport Salaried Staffs

who have to bear the criticism from the travelling public. "It was part of our argument to British Rail that people will not be in the best frame of mind to face fare increases as they return to

Association, said yesterday: We are the front line staff

work after the new year festi-Our staff would have to stand sarcasm and in some cases abuse from passengers." The January 1 date would

also have meant much extra preparation during the holiday. British Rail said the decision would give more time to prepare the new fares and overcome the difficulty of the changeover's taking place during a Baok holiday. It denied that the date had been changed because commuters night be angry. " It was simply because the timescale

Passes closed

Geneva. Dec 2—Heavy snow-falls have closed most of Switzerland's main Alpine Fasses. Chains are required for those still ones to traffic in the those still open to traffic in the daytime, the Swiss Touring Club taid today. LPI.

be examined. Monday at a meeting of the party's organization committee, when members will considerletters from trade unions sup-porting the demand from Mr David Basnett, general secre-tary of the General and Munici-

theric to the demand, which has been made by such unions as the General and Municipal Wor-

The issue will be raised on pal Workers' Union.
They are: the Post Office
Engineering Union, the Union

of Post Office Workers, the Amalgamated Society of Boilermakers, Shipwrights, Black-smiths and Structural Workers, whose president, Mr John Chalmers, is a former chairman

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UK reserves

up by \$183m

Nomination hopes

Tories' EEC policy

Britain's gold and foreign currency reserves rose by \$183m to \$20,394m (\$11,227m) during November. This is a new record but the increase was the

smallest for six months and in marked

contrast to the rises when the Bank of England was taking in dollars in 30 attempt to hold down the value of the

Already leaders in the United States

Republican Party are turning their

thoughts to the presidential nominations for 1980. Senator Robert Dole, who stood for Vice-President in last year's election, is thinking of standing for President

Mrs Therefor indicated during a press

conference to mark the end of her two-

day visit to Brussels that a Conservative

government would pursue a policy

towards the EEC sinvitar in essentials to

that of the Lubour Government Page 4

Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for

Education and Science, called on students to assist the Government to combat the

influence of racialist organizations among

young people, especially school pupils.
She was speaking at the conference of the
National Union of Students Page 2

Anglo-Irish fish pact

Appeal on racialism

Technicians.

The letter from the transport workers does not actually seek an inquiry but states, somewhat ambiguously, that there should be greater democracy in the party. None the less, it is being construed as influential back-ing for Mr Basnett, who first raised the issue at the party conference in October.

Unions to press for inquiry into structure of Labour Party cutive committee, the custodian of the party, and the Union of is being raised earlier than they of conference decisions, should Construction, Allied Trades and thought,

Mr Bryan Stanley, general secretary of the Post Office Engineering Union, which backs the inquiry, is chairman of the organization committee, and it was being said last uight

NEC members, many of whom on the left of the party would not wish for an inquiry, successfully asked the conference to remit his motion for further consideration. But in view of union support the issue

'Mirror' journalists

Journalists at the Daily Mirror and Daily Mail agreed to work normally after pay

disputes disrupted production. The Mirror management stopped publication 13 days ago, and the Mail appeared late yesterday and with fewer pages than planned. Talks on both pay claims continue. The Mirror dispute is estimated to have her the correctors \$3.80 mays. Page 2

have lost the company £3.8m gross Page 2

little over 2,000 people were at the

Melbourne ground for the start of Kerry Packer's world series match between

an Australian XI and a West Indian side.

At close of play the West Indians had scored 47 for two in reply to the Australians' 256 Page 6

Mrs McArdy, the winner of this year's

1,000 Guineas, was sold for the record sum of 154,000 guineas at Newmarket Sales.

She will now race at Hialeah in the United States before being mated next year Page 7

Mortgage hint: The Government would

like to see another cut in the mortgage

Paris: M Chirac, the Gaullist leader, has

aroused speculation by asking to see the President on Wednesday 4

Tel Aviv: An Israeli journalist arriving in

Cairo without a visa is enthusiastically greeted with a kiss on each cheek 4

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that a vote to recommend an incurry could be very close.

If it is carried, the recommendation would have to be ratified the full national executive,

vious investigations, and the proposition is bound to annoy left-wing members of the NEC. Union leaders are particularly concerned about the party's finances. Mr Norman Atkinson, the party treasurer, is stating privately that it will need £5m over the next two years, especi-ally to pay for the new party headquarters, and it will be the unions who will be asked to

find most of the money. It is feared by some, however, that an inquiry could place in question the block vote which the unions can operate at the party conferences. They would be reluctant to see that dis-

Photographer 'saw Rhodesia atrocities'

An American press photographer who accompanied a Rhodesian army cavalry unit on a three-day mission last September has said that he saw the soldiers burn huts, severely beat a local black politician and torture his wife and daughter Page 5

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by the rioters. TV & Radio Theatres, etc Travel 25 Years Ago Universities the black majority, had cam Weather Wills paigned for a reprieve for the two men. The party leader, Mrs Lois Browne-Evans, was Tack-lyn's defence lawyer.

Bermuda state of emergency

From Michael Leapman Hamilton, Bermuda, Dec 2 Sir Peter Ramsbotham, Governor of Bermuda, declared a state of emergency today after the execution at dawn of two black terrorists, one of whom had murdered a former

A curfew was imposed from 6 pm to 6 am to prevent a re-currence of last night's pro-longed rioring by some 500 people, which caused serious damage to property although there were no reports of serious injuries.

The executions followed the failure of the two men's final

appeals for clemency, including one to the Oueen. The executed men Erskine Burrows, aged 33, and Larry Tacklyn, aged 26. Burrows was convicted of the 1973.

murder of the Governor, Sir Richard Sharples, and his aide de camp, and the killing of a police commissioner a year Both men were convicted of killing two supermarket execu-tives in an armed robbery in 1973.

Roadblocks were set up this morning, two miles away from the Casemates prison, on the western end of the island, while the executions were carried out.

Last night's riors were the culmination of minor disturbances throughout the week, as it became apparent that lastminute appeals for clemency would fail.

A government appeal for calm, for reason to prevail over emotionalism, went unheeded The Bermuda Labour Party, the main opposition party, which has 15 of the 40 seats in the House of Assembly, and commands wide support among

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Mrs Williams calls on students to help the Government combat influence of racialists in schools

Education Correspondent

An appeal to students to help An appeal to students to help the Government to combat the unions had withdrawn support influence of racism among from Jewish societies. "It schoolchildren and young would surely be ironic at a people was made by Mrs time when President Sadat has wider spectrum of students than higherto, unite, or die, Williams, Secretary of State taken a hold and courageous for Education and Science, at step to build peace in the the opening of the National Union of Students conference in Blackpool last night.

Mrs Williams Said: "It would be utter folly if students

were to close their eyes and shut their minds and try to ignore the signs of racist groups attempting to influence the views of young people at the present time, particularly the youngsters still at school.

"Many of them are much more willing to listen to the views of people like yourselves, who are only a few years older than them, than to the older generation.

generation.
"This is not something to which you can deny a platform and hope it will go away. This is an argument that can only be won by argument, by reason, by talking to the youngsters themselves by persuasion and patience. We need your help."
The NUS executive is hoping to get the approval of the con-ference for repeal of the union's policy of denying a they spend away gaining explatform to fascist or racist perience in industry. Mrs speakers, while at the same Williams said that the Governtime realfirming its opposition

debated this afternoon.

Mrs Williams said that it was regrettable that some student step to build peace in the Middle East, if we were to act in any way that makes relations between the Jewish and Arab communities more strained",

Turning to the controversial question of financial support for young people from the age of 16, Mrs Williams acknowledged that there was "a dis-tinct incenticve financially" to leave school or full-time further education and to rely on a Manpower Services Commission training allowance or on sup-plementary benefits payable to any unemployed teemager who follows a part-time course of no more than three days a week.

Among the highest of the Government's priorities in education was to help those aged 16 to 19 who were unable to stay on at school. There was good news for those students on sandwich courses who have suddenly

found themselves being charged full tuition fees for the period ment was about to publish re-commendations to universities

period away, which would be related only to the cost of supervision and organization during that time.

to the conference. The student movement was at

a crossroads, she said. The collapse of NUS Travel had its traditional identity. The key to greater unity, she suggested, was greater democratic involvement at both national and local level exist for all students, not just for the few, and should be organized accordingly.

Ulster Student held: Mr Emanuel Hands, a Belfast student on his way to the con-ference, was detained by police at Blackpool airport yesterday (the Press Association reports). The NUS said last night that he was being held under the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

Some student unions had decided to ignore the needs and opinions of their members, and operated more as political parties. "We all know these parties. "We all know these students' unions exist, mostly devoid of real students, controlled by what has become the 'political elité'. This path spells death for the student movement. Our unions must be to all forms of racialism. commendations to universities movement. Our unions must be The motion on racialism, and colleges on the level of all their members", which came second in the fees they should charge for the Miss Slipman said.

'Chaos' at Irish distribution of cheap EEC butter

From Christopher Walker

to reduce its butter surplus. to reduce its butter surplus.

The "Christmas butter", in special packs, was priced at 29p a lb, about 25p cheaper than the normal price. Queues quickly formed outside shops and supermarkets, but many people said the distribution system was poorly organized and favoured the well-off, who were able to buy large quantities for storing in freezers.

By noon the Irish Nationi

By noon the Irish National Dairy Council, which is monitoring the scheme, said that more than half the republic's small shops had not received sup-plies. Mr Noel Gilmore, the chairman, said: "There is a strong feeling among shoppers the: the butter should have been

unemployment and renewed inflation, Sir Geoffrey said.

"Both Mr Callagban and Mr Healey are now disposed to escape from the mess by some form of normagnet instinctions."

Many shops attempted rationing schemes. But in several stores that led to allegations by shoppers that the EEC scheme was being exploited. Fears were also voiced that shop-Many shops attempted ration-

allow 141b for every man and woman in the republic. But there were signs last night that

mountains stayed at home", he told farmers at Diss, Norfolk. "But high subsidies have offered an easy and tempting market for other people's sur-pluses." By holding British food prices down the Govern-ment had handed trade advantages to suppliers overseas.
It was "complicated and

mad" to hold prices down by manipulating the "green pound", with which EEC farm prices are expressed in sterling. The speech showed a shift in

Effects of refusal to end ban on overtime extend far beyond 1,700 Swan Hunter outfitters

Gloom but little repentance in Wallsend at lost £52m order

The picture of a town cutting its collective throat is unusual even in troubled industrial rimes, yet that is what Wallsend, on the river Tyne, has been accused of this week. The outfitting workers at the Swan Hunner yand refused to end an overtime ban and thus drove away a f52m order from Poland. They have now compounded the act by encouraging other British yards, many of their departs for order. them desperate for orders, to black the Polish vessels if they

are offered to them. Wellsend has reacted gloomily to the action, which has been called suicidal for shipbuilding on the Tyne, pigheaded, and the act of industrial lemmings, by local politicisms, industrial bodies and the region's press. But on the grey streets of Walisend there has been little repentance to report. "People

concernances have become an elite for no other reason than that in the past they shouted the loudest. It is now our turn, one outfluter told me. The Polish order, part of the fills alsoping contract to be divided among British yards, chifted almost sucidentally into this bitter argument over parity, which would mean an extra £7 a week to the men. The crucial point, which the workers fully resize but seem to be ignoring in their cam-page for parity, is that Swan Hunter is the key to any prosperity that Wallsend prespectly that Wallsend might enjoy in future. The town relies on the company absolutely. Without Swan it is dead ", a shipyard worker said.

British Shipbuilders, are busily employed. Under floodlights beside the shappish Tyne the outside do not understand how angry the men feel about this. The trouble has been going on unresolved for years. The bodermakers have become an skeletal forms of new shops take shape amid the rattle of shipperd machinery.
About £12m has been invested in the yards over the last five years and that now shows in new and efficient

steel-handling equipment, smart cranes that tower from the river bank. The company says it has the capacity to build any kind of ship, and build it efficiently and com-The yards had orders in

hand for five naval and eight merchant sheps, but they could not afford to relinquish the Polish orders. For the Tyne and Wear council the refusal to end the overtime ban and much like a self-inflicted wound, a boilermaker said in the utilizarian gloom of the cent, and the keen hope was Penny Nip bar. At present the five yeards now under the umbrella of

that could be cut and more social growth achieved along the north bank of the river.

The orders would have given more than a year's security, and the effects of their loss extend far beyond the 1,700 outliting tradesiten. Immediately 10,000 shipbuilding workers, including the "elitist" boilermakers, were under the threat of redun-dancy. Beyond them were a further 19,000 who build the engines, pomps, and the myriad other items that go into a ship. Farther up the pyramid of

base are a whole range of other suppliers, and much of the local commercial life of Wallsend. "The town has suffered badly in the past, and the scars still show. This seems very much like a self-inflicted

The young people too will suffer. Mr Jeffrey Reynalds principal careers officer for north Tyneside, said 112 boys and 113 girls were last week looking for work. Many of them had recently left school.

had recently left school.

Many jobs had been created artificially with government help. A training workshop at Swan Hunter was making canoes, a small start that could lead to a formal apprenticeship for the youngsters. Others were taken on short industria

courses.

The policy seemed to be working, and gradually young people were being absorbed into the industry. But there COUTSES. into the industry. But there must be a continuity of order at the other end of the line for the scheme to work. The most crippling blow of the outfitters refusal, however, will be to the credibility of the Tyne in the tough battles ahead for new

launched an "Anti-Strike Union" in London. He said he

was prompted to action by the firemen's strike.

Lives had been lost in the interests of greed, he said. "We have seen this great nation, in less than a quarter of a century,

almost totally destroyed as we knew it, simply because we believe in the right to strike."
Christmas plans: The Ministry

Labour 'in confusion'

on pay plan

By Our Political

Correspondent This week's "thinking aloud" the Prime Minister and the about pay policy showed total confusion in the Labour Party about the way ahead, Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, the shadow Chancellor, said last night. "Mr Healey's so-called orderly return to collective bargaining, on which he was

driven reluctantly to embark last July, is leading to a series of barren confrontations in defence of a so-called 'giude-line' which is too rigid because it is too high", he told a businessman's club in his constituence of East Support

cncy of East Surrey.

That had happened because the Government had failed to emphasize that the return to colective bargaining would be jeopardized if expectations were raised too high. Fay settlements at an average of 5 k, it for pensioners and others to 6 per cent were the highest on fixed incomes." consistent with avoiding higher

Amid confusion and recrim-ination 2,000 tonnes of cheap EEC butter went on sale in the Irish Republic yesterday as part of the Community's effort

in some greas shoppers would never see it The EEC is disposing of about 70,000 tonnes of butter at reduced prices in other member countries. Britain, however, is not a party to the scheme. Cheap food attack: The Government's cheap food policy has produced a stock of butter in Britain that will take a year to eat, Mr John Peyton, opposition spokesman on agriculture, fisheries and food, said yester-day (Our Agricultural Correspondent writes).
"It would be nice if such

Both Mr Callaghan and Mr Healey are now disposed to escape from the mess by some form of permanent, institutionalized incomes policy." Such a course would be to ignore the lessons of Britain's most successful competitors, notably West Germany and the United States.

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Political details 'not kept in police computer' By Stewart Tendler connected with the anti-hunting

Home Affeirs Reporter

A Home Office minister yesterday denied that any details of political beliefs and affiliations are kept on the police national computer, but added: "Occasionally information about association with an organization has been held for a limited permit in the index of a limited period in the index of tolen or suspect cars."

In a series of written answers to questions by Miss Josephine Richardson, Labour MP for Barking, Dr Shirley Summer-skill, Under-Secretary of State at the Home Office, said that at the Home Orace, sain that occurred "when a police officer has judged it relevant when reporting a vehicle as suspected of being used in connexion with

Miss Richardson raised the puestion after a court case in which is was revealed that police had stopped a car and discovered that the driver was

movement by means of the police national computer. Dr Summerskill said that details of 17,700,000 car owners were on the computer and by 1979 it would also hold details 1979 it would also hold details of 170,000 disqualified drivers. Next year details of 50,000 missing or wanted people will be fed into the computer. The national collection of fingeoprints, totalling 2,200,000 is also held on the computer and the names of 3,800,000 people convexed of "more serious crimes".

serious crimes...
Last night the Home Office
was unable to explain the difference between the last two figures or why records were kept of 1,600,000 people whose offences were serious enough to go on the computer but not serious enough to be included in the fingerprint records. It said there might be other fingerprint collections besides the

Liberal peers may back censure move by Tories

By Michael Hatfield

Political Reporter
Liberal peers are expected to support a Conservative motion criticizing the Government over defence cuts in the House of Lords on Wednesday.

The Liberals reject suggestions that such a move would be a breach of the pact

with the Government because, unlike the Conservatives, they do not see the motion as one Lord Carrington, leader of the opposition in the Lords, has tabled a motion calling on the

posed defence cut of £267m and honour its pledge to Nato to spend in real terms 3 per cent

Government to restore the pro-

ment should improve the remuneration of the Armed Forces in April "and as soon as possible, thereafter, to restore full comparability." Because of that addition the Liberal peers are expected to have another meeting early next week to decide what line to take. A three-line whip has been issued to Labour peers. Job scheme attacked: Mi Winston Churchill, MP, Opposi tion defence spokesman, yester-day criticized the Government's job creation schem and renamed

it the job destruction pro-gramme. The proposed defence spending cuts would cost 218,000 jobs in this country, 38,000 uniformed and the rest would pursue urgently negotia-tious on the pay formula and reduced hours, but deplored the civilian, he said. TUC's "failure" to mount a positive campaign against the Government's application of pay guidelines "with the force of Speaking in Chorley, Lanca-shire, Mr Churchill added: "The last thing the Tories want industry turning into a loss leader."

That, they insisted, was contrary to the TUC policy adopted only three months ago. "Congress policy does not support the Government's pay guidelines", the union said.

They are to challenge the committee's decision at the meet-ing of the TUC General Council on December 21, and, in the meantime, are calling on all

about the fate of other groups of workers seeking to break the guidelines. It was a question, he

guidelines. These criticisms have been put to the Prime Minister and his colleagues generally, and in the context of the fire service dispute."

said, of recognizing "certain putting its recommendation to facts of the situation".

He added: "The TUC has cause it was unanimously not endorsed the Government's accepted by leaders of the big

That will not only dispose of any hope of official support from the TUC for the firemen; it will also be a warning to any groups of workers seeking to enclate the firemen's infi-

'Mirror' journalists accept | Doctor denies confidence terms for return to work

By Donald Macintyre

Publication of the Dally Mirror was back to normal in London last night after journalists overwhelmingly accepted a formula proposed by printing union leaders. The management had earlier agreed to withdraw the dismissals of 450 incumalists and resume publications.

in London of the Daily Mirror,
Sunday Mirror, Sunday People
and Reveille after journalists
had rejected a pay offer.
Sunday Mirror and Sunday
People journalists also voted to
accept the formula, which provides for the urgent resumption of pay negotiations between
the National Union of Journalies and Mirror Group manager.

lists and Mirror Group manage-The dispute resulted in a loss of 51 million copies of the group's newspapers and a gross loss of circulation and agross loss of circulation and advertis-ing revenue estimated at £3.8m. The formula was accepted by the NUJ negotiators in Lon-don vesterday after Mr Wil-liam Keys, general of Combined and the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades (Sogat), Mr Owen O'Brien, general secretar of the National Society of Operative Printers, Graphical and Media Personnel (Nat-

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in a write-off.

will abide by our promise nor to increase tariffs this year." The outcome depends on establishing the extent of sea-

tion of a secondary cooling sys-

tem last March, which led to a

round the bearings of large rans that pump carbon dioxide as a

gas coolant through the main

Abour Reporter

Publication of the Daily agrees that dismissal notices are withdrawn and the NUJ ondon last night after journa-chapels (office branches), individually and as a group, undertake that full production will start and that any discussions on the pay claim will not interrupt production, and that the normal deadlines will be

journalists and resume publication in London provided that the journalists accepted the terms.

The management decided 13 days ago to halt publication in London of the Daily Mirror.

The original management ultimary had said that the journalists accepted to a committee.

referred to a committee.

The original management ultimatum had said that the journalists would be taken back only if they agreed not to disrupt production and to accept an offer of £1,533 a year plus an editor's merit rewew, with special payments for skills, training and responsibility needed for new photocomposition techniques.

The offer to journalists, who have been claiming £3,000 a year, was withdrawn after the Department of Employment intervened over sections which were outside government pay guidelines.

Daily Mail journalists yesterday resumed normal working after pay talks disrupted production on Thursday, causing a cut in the number of pages from 48 to 32.

The management indicated that it was prepared to improve its pay offer of 10 per cent to sopa), and a senior National 11 per cent and not insist on a Graphical Association (NGA) five-day week instead of the representative had met NUJ four now worked.

A small leak of carbon

dioxide developed through a seal into the secondary water cooling system. A modification was made to remove that con-

When maintenance work was

reduced, seawter was able to flood back up the pipe through

The residual heat of the reac-

tor was such that the seawater

evaporated rapidly, leaving a

deposit of salt on the insulating

Power station may be shut

water intrusion, and hence salt.

Extensive contamination within taminated carbon dioxide water

the reactor core, which is now in a special by-pass pipe into under examination, could end seawater cooling ponds.

The source of the trouble carried out in the reactor and

apparently began in a modifica- the pressure of the gas system

catastrophic chain of events, the secondary cooling system and into the reactor.

part of the reactor.

The gas is carried to the heat exchangers, where steam is deposit of salt on the insulating material surrounding the reactor core.

ators.

Receiver says Aintree has not been sold

Aintrec Racecourse, Liver-pool, has not been sold to the consortium headed by Mr Ronald Lasteed, a scrap dealer, the receiver managing the course, said yesterday.

The consortium had said that
the £2.5m sale of the race-

course, the home of the Grand National, would go ahead Mr Colin Davies, the receiver, said in a statement yesterday:
"The contract for the sale of Ainree Racecourse between the Walton Commercial Group Ltd and Mr. P. A. lestered has Ltd and Mr R. A. Lasteed has not been completed and no raised to drive electrical generextension to the contract has

been granted. property is available for sale through myself as receiver, and I am taking up negotiations with interested parties." several

Cheaper coffee

Tesco coffee is to fall in price by 21p to 99p for a 40z packet from Monday. Last month Sainsbury's cut the price ofits' Vendona coffee to 98p.

Miss Rantzen marries

Miss Esther Rantzen, aged 37, of BBC television's The Big Time, was married in Richmond yesterday to Mr Desmond Wilcox, aged 46, head of BBC TV General Features.

breach in tip-off

medical confidence. The magistrate withdrew

from hearing a Grunwick case at Willesden Court on Thursday after Mr Ali's newspaper, Socialist Challenge, accused her Socialist Challenge, accused her of bias. Yesterday Dr Paul Stern, aged 35, who practises at Neasden Lane, Willesden, north London, held a press conference at the office of Socialist Challenge in Islington. Mr Ali was at his side.

Dr Stern said the magistrate was a patient at his succerv.

Dr Stern said the magistrate was a patient at his surgery. She was not on his list but he had treated her once or twice. He said his conversation with the magistrate took place near the surgery and another person was also talking to her. He alleged that she said she was

A doctor who passed on to Mr Tariq Ali comments about Grunwick pickets allegedly made by a magistrate denied yesterday that he had breached he made a note on a tape resentences a stipendiary magi-strate had given to Grunwick pickets. After the conversation he made a note on a tape recorder.

Denying any branch of medi-cal etiquette, Dr Stern said: "There is no suggestion that this was a secret or confidential conversation and it had nothing to do with a medical consultation."

rion."

Dr Stern, who was born in South Africa, said he held leftwing views but did not belong to any political party. He had treated people injured on the Grunwick picket line and had submitted written evidence to courts concerning five or six of

He said he sympathized with the Grunwick strikers in those cases where he had seen injuries. "I had no reason to doubt what they told me."

Inquiry into advice to pools winner

Vermons Pools have conducted an investigation into financial advice given to a prizewitner by Mr David Holmes, a friend of Mr Jeremy Thorpe and once deputy treasurer of the Liberal Party.

Two executives of the company carried out the investigation and yesterday took their report to directors at Vernous' beadquarters in Liverpool. The company had introduced the winner, Mr Terence Gibbs, a disabled former miner, to Mr

Holmes, then an appointed representative of the firm. Mr Gibbs had a record summer win of £169,000 two years ago. He claims that later he lost more than £100,000 he had invested in a carpet business. Mr Gibbs is now in control of the business, the Pyle Discount Centre carpet warehouse, near Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan Mr Holmes's solicitor would

Clothing workers' 10% A 10 per cent pay rise for 95,000 clothing industry workers was announced yester-day by the National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers and the Apparel and Fashion In-

make no comment.

Power industries deny code

was contravened Gas and electricity officials yesterday denied an allegation by the National Consumer Council that the code of practice in relation to disconnexions for poor people had been contravened.

A statement from the gas and electricity indstries said the "true position is completely different from the picture presented by incomplete histories such as those quoted by the National Consumer Council".

I wo men charged with murder

Two men were charged last night with the murder of Mr George Fairbridge, aged 60, a sub-postmaster, at his home in Potters Road, New Barnet, in

Potters Road, New Barnet, in July last year.

They are Robert Bamforth, aged 30, a hairdresser, of Trapstyle Road, Ware, Hertfordshire, and George Humings, aged 34, a builder, of Hertford Road, Lower Edmouton, north London. They were also charged, with Wilhiam Kirby, aged 24, a post office clerk, of The Springs, Turnford, Hertfordshire, with conspiracy to rob. All three are to appear in court at Barnet today.

Tories to discuss choice for seat

The Huddersfield, East, Con-servative constituency party is to meet on Monday to discuss whether to dismiss Mrs Marguerite Wood, the prospective guerite Wood, the prospective parliamentary candidate.
Mrs Wood said yesterday that she had been accused of "apparent lack of activity" and of not making enough impact in the constituency. Huddersfield, East, is held by Labour with a majority of 8414

Birmingham buys £400,000 Bellini

Birminghem City Art Gallery has bought Bellini's Madonna and Child", Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said yesterday in a Commons written reply.

Of the £400,000 purchase price, £72,000 was provided by the Government and a £50,000 donation was made by Mr Denis Malron.

fire-fighting troops. Merseyside smith, whose regiment fought an average of 58 fires a day during a two-week stay in Man-chester, told her: "It was a good experience". firemen had decided to abandon similar action earlier. Air Vice-Marshal Donald Ben-Air Vice-Marshal Douald then nett, aged 66, who was given the name Pathfinder during the Second World War, yesterday an "Anti-Strike

A boy aged five and his sister, aged two, died in a hotel fire at Westcliff on Sea. Essex, yesterday, despite efforts by troops to save them. About 20 guests were evacuated from the hotel, which was used chiefly as a temporary hotel for people receiving social security benefit. One man was badly injured when he jumped from a first-floor window.

from a first-floor window Residents said they could not ger into the children's room because of smoke. Their mother,

because of smoke. Their mother,
Joy Livermore, aged 22, separated from their father, was
taken to hospital suffering from
shock. They had been in the
hotel for only two days.

A police officer said: "It
seems unlikely that the children
could have heap saved by the

in London, two elderly women died in fires at Hornchurch and Cricklewood. And Mr John Proctor, aged 92, of Chester Road, Felixstowe, was rescued from his burning home after he had fallen asleen while smoking. had fallen asleep while smoking

had ration asseep white smoking a pipe.

The Queen yesterday visited the 1st Battalion, the Royal Weish Fusiliers at Tidworth, Witshire, and heard from the men who have been maoning "Green Goddess" fire engines that they found their experience "very rewarding".

Lamce Corporal Victor Arrow-

Fusilier Brian Meah added:
"The firemen on the picket lines were very helpful and told us when we might be in danger. In Ulster representatives of

Two children die in hostel fire

the province's 600 part-time firemen will meet in Portadown tomorrow to decide whether they should join their full-time colleagues' strike. Most have been working normally

The division of feeling among them was demonstrated on

A police officer said: "It seems unlikely that the children could have been saved by the earlier arrival of breathing apparatus."

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In I and the could have been saved by the strike. The station closed.

In North Down about 200 part-time firemen from four stations meanwhile announced they were resigning from the Fire Brigades Union because they felt it would be impossible for them to join the strike.

A representative said:

"Because of Newry's decision to strike, fire control has been trying to arrange cover from outlying areas, but other part-timers have said they will go into Newry only if a life is in

of Defence is working out con-tingency plans for Servicement on fire-fighting duties in case of the firemen's strike lasts until Christmas. Fraud warnings: Police and the British Insurance Association yesterday issued warnings that confidence tricksters were try-ing to benefit from fire damage. The police said some damage assessors were posing as journalists to obtain information about fires. Often they tuned in to emergency service radio channels to learn of fires and went immediately to the scene to offer their "expert services".

Striking firemen in Type and
Wear yesterday abandoned a threat to start picketing nine army bases to put pressure on Their aim was to persuade property owners to sign a contract so that they could claim part of the money eventually raid by the insurer.

Firemen accuse TUC of 'treachery'

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Mr Murray and Mr David Basnett, charman of the TUC, are offering help in negotia-tions on those lines, while recognizing that their formula falls short of the request made by the firemen's union. For their part, disappointed leaders of the FBU said they

egislation ".

other unious to express their support, within the labour movement and by industrial Mr Murray partied questions

arisen of the TUC supporting special cases; the Fire Brigades Union has not asked for this,

only three months ago. "Congress policy does not support the Government's pay guidelines", the union said.

The firemen's leaders condemned the attitude of the TUC to integrate on its behalf.

The TUC has criticized the inflexible attitude of the Government which has caused resonance the ments within the Government's ments within the Government's

But the impression left after yesterday's deeply political talks between the firemen and the TUC is that organized. labour does not intend to chal-lenge the Cabinet on its pay policy.
The TUC committee will b

certainly be accepted

tancy.
Mr John Lewis, London area member of the FBU executive, said of the TUC decision: "It

Weather forecast and recordings

Tomorrow



Today Sun rises: Sun sets: 7.47 am 3.54 pm 7.47 am 3.54 pm Moon sets: Moon rises: 12.12 pm 11.42 pm 11.42 pm 11.42 pm 14.42 pm 15.42 pm 16.5m (20.7ft); 6.28 pm, 6.3m (20.7ft); 6.28 pm, 6.3m (20.7ft), Avonmourh, 11.16 am, 11.0m (36.0ft); 11.44 pm, 10.5m (34.6ft). Dover, 3.9 am, 5.8m (18.9ft); 3.43 pm, 5.5m (18.9ft); 3.43 pm, 5.5m (19.5ft); 10.41 pm, 6.2m (20.5ft), Liverpool, 3.34 am, 7.6m (25.0ft); 3.49 pm, 7.8m (25.7ft). New Moon: December 10.

Lighting up: 4.24 pm to 7.19 am.

High water: London Bridge, 6.35

am. 6.1m (20.1ft); 7.19 pm, 6.2m
(20.2ft). Avonmouth, 12.11 pm,
10.6m (34.6ft). Dover, 4.9 am,
5.5m (18.4ft); 4.52 pm, 5.4m
(17.7ft). Hull, 11.44 am, 5.8m
(19.0ft); 11.47 pm, 6.1m (20.0ft).

Liverpool, 4.33 am, 7.5m (24.5ft);
4.51 pm, 7.7m (25.2ft).

the North Sea. Forecasts for 6 am to midnight: London, SE, central S, NW and central N England, Midlands and central N England, Midlands and Lake District: Bright or sunny periods, dry; wind SE, light or moderate; max temp 5°C (41°F), frost at first.

Anolia. E and NE Borders, Edinburgh, Dunger, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Pirth, NE Scotland: Dry, sunny periods; wind SE light or moderate; max temp 4°C (39°F), frost

Pressure will remain high over SE, fresh; max temp 6°C (43°F). SW England, Wales, Islc of Man, N Ireland: Rather cloudy, some rain; wind SE, fresh or strong: max temp 8°C (46°F).

New Moon: December 10.

Sm rises Sm sets: 7.48 am 3.54 pm Moon sets: Moon rises: 12.37 pm 12.51 Monday

Frost at first.

East Anglia, E and NE England: Dry, bright or sunny intervals; wind SE, light; mex temp 5°C (41°F).

Channel Islands: Becoming rather cloudy, some rain; wind SE, moderate: max temp 5°C (41°F).

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; su, show.



SW, NW Scotland, Argyll Rather cloudy, rain in places later; Wind SE, fresh or strong; Max temp 7°C (45°F).

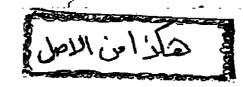
Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: Dry with sunny intervals in E: cloud and rain in W will spread to central areas. Temp will return to the property of the return near to normal in most places.
Sca passages: S North Sca.
Strait of Dover: Wind SE.
moderate; sea slight.
English channel (E): Wind SE.

fresh or strong; sea rough. St George's Channel, Jrish Sea: Wind SE, strong or gale; sea very Yesterday

London: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 6°C (43°F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 4°C (33°F). Humidity, 6 pm to 6 pm, 124hr to 1 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.







Name of the Plan to bring colleges under the control of a national council

By Peter David, of The Tunes isher Education Suplement A powerful national council to control and finance local nuthority colleges and polytechnics is likely to be set up by the Government as the result of 11 months of work by an advisory committee meeting in private under Mr Oakes, Minister of State for higher

Once established, the national council would become one of the most powerful bodies in education, responsible for negomoney, at present £400m a year, to be spent on higher education outside the univer-

It would also be responsible for dividing the sum between individual institutions and courses, analysing supply and demand for higher education and coordinating plans with the University Grants Committee.
Creation of the council is expected to be the main recommendation of Mr Oakes's committee, which is scheduled to finish its work before Christ mas. Its report is due to be published early next year. Agreement has been made

possible only because the local authority associations have been persuaded to drop their initial objections to a scheme that will diminish local government control over the public sector of higher education.

Local authorities are likely to have substantial representation, however, and a form of vero, on the new body. The Department of Education and Science's no substantial executive role in plan is for a tripartite body relation to the national body.

with seven representatives of local government, seven poly-technic staff members and seven nominees of the secretary of state representing other interests". There would also be two representatives of industry and an independent

Under the scheme the national council would pay for more than 85 per cent of the costs of public sector higher education. As an incentive to efficient management local authorities will have to meet the remaining 15 per cent of their own polytechnics' spending directly.

The 15 per cent direct contribution reoresents a much larger local stage in polytechnics than exists under the present poolexists under the present pooling arrangements. Because of fears that many local authoritie: could not pay it without considerable rate increases. Mr Oakes is expected to suggest phasing the system in over a period of years.

Big changes in the regional

Big changes in the regional arrangements for coordinating higher education will also be part of the Oakes report. A departmental document endorsed by the committee at its last meeting proposed setting up new further education advisory councils to take over the work of the nine existing regional advisory councils.
The new councils would differ by combining responsi-bility for teacher-induction and ir-service training with acvanced further education generally but they would have

Lay members on Press Council increased

The number of lay members on the Press Council is to be increased from 10 to 18 to bring about equal representairon with members of the industry.

Authorizing that they had accioted that recommendation by the Royal Commission of the Press, the Press Council said vestorday that its members felt that public confidence in its impartiolity would

increased. The council will in future he composed of an independent chairman, 18 representatives from the newspaper and maga-rine industry, both management and trade union, 18 lay repre-centatives, and eight consulta-

tive members at at present. The council was faced with reducing the number of fires representatives or increasing its lay membership. It said yesterthat if it was to retain the respect of editors there had to be a substantial professional on the council. For List reason it decided that membership had to be

cularged. Airnough welcoming a number of the royal commission's observations, the council rejects a proposal that its chairman should also be the chairman of he appointments commission. That body, at present chaired by Lord Briggs, of Lewes, is responsible for appointing the lay members of the Press

For the same person to be chairman of both bodies, the council says, would be contrary to the Younger committee

report of 1972. It was impor-tant, too, that the appointments commission should not be part of a self-perpetuating

A suggestion by the royal commission that Press Council adjudications that uphold complaints should be published on the front pages of newspapers is rejected as impracticable, as is a proposal that the council should drop its practice of requiring an undertaking from complainants that they will not pursue legal action against a newspaper when an adjudication has been made.

In reply to a recommenda-tion that the doctrine of the right of reply should be ex-tended, the council says: "The principle is that any person or commission attacked in the man of a newspaper or whical is morally entitled to space for a reasonable reply whether by letter or state-ment published editorially."

Over reporting racial matters more background and "support-ing information". Commenting on that, the Press Council says it is aware of the possibility of "positive racialism in report-ing and negative racialism which . . . can seriously harm community relationships ...

After welcoming the royal commission's rejection of legislation to deal with incrusion on privacy, the council rakes issue with the commission's con-demnation of subterfuge by journalists. The council refuses to exclude the possibility that in some instances subterfuge is

Government wants new mortgage rate cut

By Margaret Stone The Government is looking for a further cut in the mortgage interest rate and hopes that it would help to prevent a house price rise spiral.

In a letter to Mr Roderick MacFarguhar, Labour MP for Belper, Mr Barnet, Chief Serretary to the Treasury, said that building societies would no doubt be considering a cut if funds continued to flow into the movement.

the movement.

At the Building Societies
Association Mr Barnen's letter
was seen as "sympathetic" to
the difficulties of the building
society movement. Mr Barnett acknowledged that the societies caution over interest rates, which have already been cut three times this year, was "understandable".

Although money is commoning to pour into the societies in vast quantities—about £550m is predicted for November—they feel it is still a little too early to assess what impact the in-crease in minimum lending rate and bank rates will have. Imited hopes that the socie-ties would be announcing a further cut in the mortgage rate next week have had to be virtually—but not quite—aben-doned. It seems much more likely that a cut may be announced in January instead. in his letter Mr Bernett said it was important that "the volume of mortgage finance on offer should not outstrip the

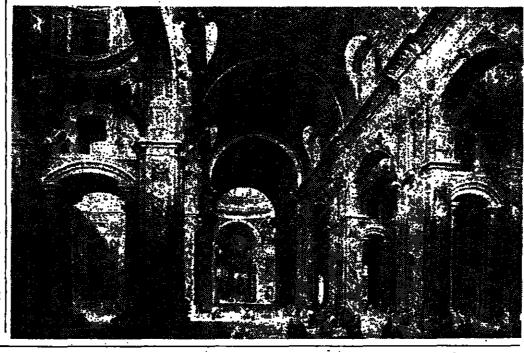
other should not constrip me level which the housing market may reasonably be expected to absorb without triggering off substantial increases in house prices".
The societies are issuing mortgage funds at the rate of about £800m a month. Alchough house prices are rising by about 15 ner cent a quarter, there is little evidence that they are going up too fast.

Staff to cut teaching

Staff at Brunel University are to stop teaching undergraduates but to continue to teach postgraduates because students are continuing to occupy parts of the university in a protest over differential fees for overseas



Two paintings which fetched record prices for the artists at Christie's yesterday. Lorenzo Lotto's "Madon na and Child with a Donor and his Wife " (£220,000) and, below, Pann mi's " Interior of St Peter's, Rome " (£240,000). (Geraldine Norman, page 16).



Labour 'must contest European elections'

By George Clark
Political Correspondent
Like it or not, the Lebour
Party will have to fight the
elections to the European Parliament, Mr Ronald Hayward,
general secretary of the party,
told Labour supporters at
Frimley Green, Surrey, last
night.

He said a majority in the House of Commons favoured direct elections, even though it was made up largely of Conservatives and members of

"If Parliament decides they shall take place, then they will", Mr Hayward said. "We may hope they happen later, not sooner, and certainly not before our own general election, but they will happen.

"In that event it is inconcissable to me that the British. ceivable to me that the British ceivable to me that the Brush Labour Party, a great political party with mass electoral support, a party which has become the natural party of government, which is more international in outlook than any other British political party, should stand on the sidelines and let a more crowd of Tory

and let a motley crowd of Tory merchant bankers, wishy-washy

Liberals and a rag-bag of inde-pendent Labour candidates fight for the right to represent

inght for the right to represent us in Europe.

"However strongly we feel about the Common Market and direct elections, it is not worth running the risk of so dividing us that we hand victory on a plate to the Tories. Britain cannot afford another Tory government and Britain is more government, and Britain is more important than Brussels."

Thus Mr Hayward's theme was that unity in the party must be preserved in order to fight The general sion over Europe must be pushed into second place. "We have survived the worst depression the western world has seen for nearly fifty years and we have survived it in

pretty good shape. Unemployment is at a scandalous level, admittedly, but while the Government has done its best to cushion the impact, par-ticularly for school-leavers and those living in our old indus-trial centres, the problem is far too deep-seated for a minority Lebour Government to attempt anything but cosmetic surgery.

"The story could be dif-

ferent when we get a Labour government with a working majority ... The movement must never forget that main objective, Mr Hayward said. "We may complain that the Government has not done all it should do. We all make The benefits of North Sea oil

should do . We all make mistakes, but the biggest mistake of all would be to lose the next general election." In spite of its precarious position at Westmanster, the Labour Government had done a great deal to be proud of. It is bringing inflation under

It is bringing inflation under control; the rate of price increases has fallen by a third since last July alone, and we are well on the way towards achieving single-figure inflation by 1978. We have given workers unprecedented health and safety on their factory floor or in their office. Women have become equal chi-

zens.

The field of old age pensions and other social security benefits has been transformed. Remember what pensions were when Labour took office in March, 1974? Then a single pensioner got £7.75 a week and a couple £12.50 a week. Now a single pensioner gets £17.50 a week an da couple £28 a week. That is 125 per cent more, and other benefits, for sickness, unemployment, industrial injury nad war veterans, plus the invalid and mobility allowances introduced by Labour, have gone up also.

were about to burst on the country, and with them the chance to transform British industry; the chance to plough more investment into manufacturing, to creat many new jobs and reduce unemployment. After two years of sacrifice

by working people there was a unique chance to create the strong economic base on which Britain.
Nothing must come between us
and that goal, least of all the
innue of direct elections to the curopean Parliament. This is an issue which is stirring up great passions in Westminster, but none at all in the country at large. Rightly or wrongly, people could not give a damn about direct elections.

tions.
They do care, however, about making sure that Britain gets a fair deal in the Common Market. They want radical reforms in Common Market policy, particularly when it comes to food prices and protecting our fish supplies, issues which they know affect their everyday life.

Anglo-Irish agreement to protect fisheries

By Hugh Clayton

Britain and the Irish Republic agreed yesterday to combine to protect their fishermen against the rest of the EEC. The pact, sealed over tea at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, strengthens the British Government's determination to resist the European Commission's latest plan for sharing catches in Community waters,

Yesterday's event was carefully orchestrated by the minis-try, usually one of the least theatrical of Whitehall departments. First, officials marshalled outside the building a dozen fishermen and fishermen's wives from ports in the north-east.

Then Mr Silkin, the minister, strode down the steps like a Hollywood Caesar, straight at the television cameras. The fishermen showed him a net with five-millimetre mesh, which they said had been used by a Danish boat despite EEC rules about using mesh large enough to let immature fish up to a foot long pass through.

Mr Roy Beamish, a weather-beaten skipper from Hull of 30 years' experience, said: "They are literally destroying the grounds". Mr Silkin replied that the key to a successful EEC policy for fish was successful enforcement of its rules. I think we have the best fishery protection service in Europe and the best intelligence service

Since Britain had extended

from the cameras to create a clear entrance for Mr Brian Lengtan, Irish Minister for

Fisheries "The basic matter on which our two countries agree is for the establishment of a coastal zone under the management of the two countries". Mr Lerinan said. "We look naturally for bigger quotas than you might like us to get, but there is a strong area of agreement. An unbridled policy will inevitably lead to extinction of our fish

stocks." The commission has propused six rules, which the Useten Kingdom and the Irish Repub-lic say offer insufficient protection for replenishment of stocks and give other EEC states too much leeway in the waters of the two countries. In their combined coastal waters the two have more than three quarters of the Community's fish.

Mrs Pamela Scotter, a fisher-

man's wife from Bridlington, Humberside, asked Mr Silkin: "Is there any future for our sons?". He replied: "We will do our dannedest to see that there is, but do not underestimate the fight there will be. We are prepared to go on and on and on until we get what is absolutely right and fair."

He would like a solution to be found at a meeting of Com-munity fish ministers next week, but did not expect it. Mr Leniban said the Irish Republic wanted only an exclusive 50-mile zone off its shores. That was not quite the same as British policy, because Mr Silkin said: "An exclusive rone is on the table, but if anyone its national waters to 200 miles is not futte the same as its national waters to 200 miles in January officials had boarded in January officials had begun is on the table, but if anyone more than 30 prosecutions. Mr Silkin was cut short as officials shephered the crowd away look at it."

Petrol price warning to garages By Our Commercial Editor

Unless garages stop selling part-gallous of petrol at higher prices the Government will consider fresh legislative action, Mr Robert MacLennan, Under-Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, said in a Commons written reply

Some petrol retailers, while offering discounts on posted pump prices, gave the discount on "full gallons only", he said. Motorists who asked a pump attendant to fill up a vehicle, or for so many pounds' worth of petrol, might pay more than they should.

Mr MacLennan urged motorists to avoid garages making such conditions of sale or to make sure purchases were in full gailons

when the petrol prices display order was reviewed soon.

Skateboard park to replace zoo

Plymouth zoo, which is owned by Chipperfields, is to close this month and be replaced by

Animals from the 200, which opened 15 years ago, will be moved to safari parks at Longleat. Woburn, Liverpool and Stirlingshire.

the money of its patients. The

departmental rules say that the

money is for personal, not joint

Cell Barnes Hospital, at St

Albans, has about 650 patients,

a few months to 10. About 100

of them are not eligible for the

Christmas pension bonus any-

way, either because they are

under 16 or because they were too old when the NCIP was

whose mental ages range from

Move to set up national film register

By Philip Howard

The history of this century is recorded in moving pictures as well as by the printed word. A report published today makes an important step towards en-suring that information about the principal visual records of the age is permanently and readily available.

A working party appointed to consider the development of the Slade Film History Register recommends it should become a central register of film material likely to be of interest to historians, performing a similar service to that of the National Register of Archives for written documents.

Studies of the twentieth century are still at an early stage. Nobody working in them can afford to ignore for long the sorts of evidence offered by Unless there was a marked improvement by garages in the practice, which he felt was undesirable and unnecessary, Mr MacLeonan said, further action would be considered when the varial prices display.

The Slade register was established in 1969 at the instigation of Professor Thorold Dickinson, of the Slade School of Fine Art, University College London, with a grant from the Social Science Research Council. In 1975, when the grant ended the register's staff dispersed and the holdings were trans-ferred to the British Universities Film Council.

The working party recom-mends that the register should be expanded to include tele vision material. It also recommends that all interests in the arts and sciences should be catered for, not merely those

of historians.

The register should become the national register of film and television collections. Its work would be overseen by a stand-ing advisory committee of academics, archivists, librarians and representatives of film and television producers. The records would be augmented by reports recording the scope and main strengths of all film and television collections in Great Britain, including those in private hands, and comprehen-

sive indexes.

The estimated cost of those recommendations would be 537,000 for the first year. The report is being published as an invitation for comment and financial support. Report of the working party on

the future development of the Slade Film History Register. (Universities Film Council, Royalty House, 72 Dean Street, London, WIV 5HB, £1).

£300 fine over chemical blast

Robinson Brothers, a chemical company at Sandwell, West Midlands, was fined £300 at West Bromwich Magistrates' Courtyard after an explosion in which Mr Kenneth Smith, aged 41, was fatally injured.

breach of factory regulations concerning highly inflammable liquids. The explosion, kest August, rocked a processing

Hospital has to refuse £10

cluding the British, to "think big" was emphasized in Hartlepool yesterday, by Mr Geoffrey Rippon, QC, Conservative MP for Hexham and leader of the Conservative group in the

companies try to operate what they think the county will want, but do not know if the county will pay for", the company

which we can take commercial responsibility for, and the responsibility for, and the county, a political body with some funds available, can decide how much more it wants in the form of extra work buses, cheaper fares for the olderly card the elderly and special trips to hospitals and shops."

allows buses to follow different routes at different times of Mr Rippon says day, since the destinations of By Our Political

European Parliament.

said, on the ground that "the provision is intended to give recognition to what is argu-ably becoming, from the United States perspective, the most important other parliamentary body in the world.

Attacking the Government's delay in proceeding with the European Direct Elections Bill, Mr David Howell, Conservative MP for Guildford who leads for the Opposition on the Bill, said yesterday that there was no chance that the cruciel issue of the method of election would be fully discussed on the one

was little prospect that the Commons could discuss the main part of the Bill until January, and the chance of meeting the May-June deadline for the elections grew ever dimmer. "Parliament is not going to

bonus for many patients By a Staff Reporter cause it makes the hospital liable to criticism for usurping

A psychiatric hospital in

Hertfordshire is having to re-fuse the £10 Christmas pension bonus for most of its patients because they already have more money than they can spend. This bitter unseasonal paradox in a branch of medicine chronically short of money is caused by the rigidities of official regulations.

Two years ago the Government introduced a non-vontributory invalidity pension (NCIP) of £3.50 a week for males between the ages of 16 and 65 and females between 16 and 60. That is replaced by the old age pension when they reach pensionable age. Those who were already of pensionable age in 1975 and those under 16 receive nothing. In addition, there is a new official incentive system that enables medical consultants

and nurses to reward a patient with up to £4 a week. Each patient has a private bank account and draws money to spend on such things as tooth-paste, sweets and cigarettes. The health service accountant

What the hospital would like to do is to accept the bonus for those of its patients who can manage to spend it (about one in 10), and use the bonus of the rest either for its really old people who ger nothing, or for purchases for the general good. Dr Gordon Fisher, medical co-ordinator of the hospital, said yesterday: "We should be irresponsible to let the bank balances of patients grow above the departmental limit, with no

introduced.

money.

"To accept the bonus for some and not for others invites criticisms from outside of dishas advised that the balances crimination. What we should in those accounts should be like to do is spend the money kept at about £100. It is in- on things for the wards that vidious to spend the money are desperately needed for the on such things for general use general good. But that is in the wards as television sets, illegal."

hope of them spending the

The company admitted a

Polytechnics angry over spending plans

By Our Education Correspondent

The polytechnics are angry about the Government's decision to give more money to the universities than to vanced education in the public sector. The Times reported wrongly on Thursday that the universities share of total pub-lic funds for advanced further

education was to be cut. That report was based on an announcement on Wednesday by State for Education and Science. that Government spending plans for 1981-82 were based on

Great Britain would increase by sector in Great Britain is ex-14 per cent, while those following advanced courses in the public sector in England and Wales, other than in teacher training, would rise by about 39 per cent.

However, it did not take into account the Government's assumption of a fall by half in the numbers in teacher training in England and Wales, from 86,500 last year to 38,000 in 1981, and of a slight increase Mrs Williams, Secretary of in the total advanced non-university sector in Scotland from

27.400 to 31,000.

pected to rise from 244,200 last year to 250,000 in 1981, an increase of only 3 per cent, while the university sector will in-crease from 271,800 to 310,000, an increase of 14 per cent; and Government funds will be allocated on that basis. One director of a polytechnic

who attended a meeting of the Committee of Directors of Polytechnics on Thursday said they were "absolutely livid at the way Mrs Williams is quite surreptitiously favouring the universities in every way, pushing plans for 1981-82 were based on the assumption that student therefore, the total number of numbers in the universities in students in the advanced public money for new buildings." more money and students into them, and giving them more

Women 'right to protest at light rape sentences'

Judge McKinnon, QC, said at the Central Criminal Court yesterday that women's organivations were right to protest against lenient sontences for runists. Women had a perfect medification in complaining if rapists were let off lightly. The judge made his comment when he sentenced a man to six years' jail for rape and a concurrent four-year term for wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm. "These are the least sentences I can properly pass", he said.

Samuel Pilgrim, aged 40. a rump operator, of Netherwood Road, Hammersmith, London, pleaded not guilty, claiming that Miss X, an American secretary, had consented to intercourse and that he acted in self-defence when he struck

ber.
The judge said: "If sexual oficuces are not punished in accordance with the tarrif we have in this court then we shall certainly hear from the women's rights organizations, and quite

properly so ".

Mr Anthony Wilchen, for the prosecution, said Miss X met Mr Pilgrim at a party. At his flat he locked the door, grabbed her, and when she struggled hit her over the head with a spirit bottle, cracking her skull and couring cons which needed 30 stitches. She was so terrified that she submitted to inter-

Liquid analysed after deaths

Liquid in a bettle taken by long lease on 30 Curson Street, edice from the Sedco Joil rise, which was sold for £2.7m four police from the Sedco J oil ris, on the Thistle Field, off Sherland, after the death of two men is being analysed. It is believed that at least one of the men had been blinded and suffered severe liancy failure

£309,000 housing faults the war by the Moyar Objectors

Faults in 97 recently modern to the covenant variation in the council houses at Rye Hill. cluded the Howe Estate and the Newrastle upon Type, will cost Curron House Club, owned by at least 4300,000 to pur right. Coral Leisure Group.

Midland bus experiment pays dividend By Michael Baily

fifths in buses and almost a third in staff have been Transport Correspondent Stratford-on-Avon's buses, achieved for a loss of only a achieved for a loss of only a twentieth in passengers and an eighth in milage.

The previous pattern was largely one that had developed since the 1930s, but, as in much of the country, had been reudered increasingly inappropriate by groung car use which lost about £50,000 last year, seem likely to make a £50,000 profit this year. The

passengers, who get much the same service, are fairly happy. So are the Midland Red Bus Company and Warwickshire County Council, which stood to meet those losses. It is a transformation being closely watched by bus operators and local authorities else-

rising fares, disappearing pas-sengers, and mounting deficits. Yet all that Stratford has done, some would say, is to apply common sense and good management The bus company undertook

priate by growing car use. Passengers were being lost at about 5 per cent a year, and the deficit was rising at about the same rate. Of 55,000 passengers carried each week, a third was to work, a third to school, and a third to shopping and social visits. More than half where, plagued equally by

detailed market research to find out what services were wanted by the people of Stratford and a dozen miles around; then modified routes and timetables quite extensively to meet those requirements in the

most economical way.

a new

ing this week.

Mayfair to get

casino next year

A new casino will be opened by the Ladbroke Group in May-

fair, London, late next year after objections to the variation

of a 41-year-old covenant, ori-

ginally designed to protect the

residential quality of the sur-

Ladbroke's is taking out a

years ago and was formerly

part of the estate of Lord Howe.

The group intends to transfer

gaming activities from the Hert-

ford Club near by.
The building, erected in 1750,

was later redesigned by Robert Adam and was occupied after the war by the Royal Worcester

"The county were making warning noises, and we felt they would ultimately reduce or withdraw support", Midland Red said. "We decided to find a network that would be viable form the factor with the same had been also be said." from the fare box alone."

Market analysis threw up a new
pattern of service, with buses
taking different routes and operating at different times. In many cases two buses did the work previously done by three.

were under 24.

Parliament switchboards

Ejaz Ahmed, unemployed and homeless, was said at Marl-borough Street Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday to have jammed the switchboards of the Houses of Parliament by ringing up and then putting rounding district, were with-drawn at a Lands Tribunal heardown the receiver as soon as he was put through. switchboards were jammed up to 100 times a day, it was

added. He was remanded in custody until December 23 for mental and medical reports when he admitted causing annoyance and inconvenience by repeatedly telephoning the Houses of Parliament. His calls, Det Constable

Anthony Haigh said, were also used to pester telephonists at the United States and Pakistani embassies in London.

The officer said that during a guilty as required by law. But three-month period more than 5,000 hoax calls were recorded.

Hoaxer jammed | Man sentenced to life jail twice in 10 days.

For the second time in 10 seven-day retrial. He had pleaded not guilty on November 21 and his trial

changed his plea to guilty and was sentenced to life imprison-But on November 24 Mr Justice Pain brought Mr Paton before the court again because the jury had not been directed to return a formal verdict of

began, but two days later he

workers are often different from those of shoppers and social callers. Passengers social callers. Passengers carried since May, when the new service started, are down by only 2,500 or 5 per cent a week. Costs fell by 35 per cent and revenue by only 7 per cent.

It bodes well for Midland Red, which is thought to be losing about £500,000 on a turnover of £20m. "Our objective is to rationalize the present muddled system, in which bus

says.
"We have a viable network

days John Paton, aged 41, was sentenced at Leeds Crown Court yesterday to life imprisonment for the murder of Robert Houston, aged 23, of Clayton-le-Moors, Lancashire, fellow inmate in Wakefield jail. Mr Paron, of Luton, Bed-fordshire, was convicted after a

Europeans must think big,

The need for Europeans, in-

Since Depreark and Britain joined the EEC the Community had "thought big" only once when it decided on direct elections for the European Parliament, he said. The signsficance of that decision had not been fost on Americans, he said, for the United States Congress had passed an Act estab-lishing a statutory basis to its relations with the European

It had done so, Mr Rippon

day that had been allotted. Unless the Government had a dramatic change of heart

be tricked into decisions about electoral reform by devices of this kind, and we are not going to have a helf-baked version of proportional representation smuggled through on the under-belly of this vitally important constitutional BP). whose successful passage many of us wish to see ".

Speculation over Chirac visit to Elysee

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Dec 2

M Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist leader and Mayor of Paris, has aroused political speculation by asking to see President Giscard d'Estaing at the Elysée Palace. They will meet on Wednesday evening.

In the meantime, the Gaullist leader has cancelled all interviews and engagements, notably a radio interview on Sunday, and postponed visits to the provinces until he has met the

The meeting, inevitably, has a far reaching political significance. Like all M Chirac's moves, it is calculated to propel noves, it is calculated to propel him dramatically to the centre of the limelight, which has tended in recent weeks to move away from him on to M Giscard d'Estaing and M Barre, the Prime Minister. The President and M Chirac.

The President and M Chirac, whose personal relations continue to be strained, even though they have agreed to hury the hatchet until the parliamentary elections in March, have not met since last March, when M Chirac was elected Mayor of Paris. That was a purely formal occasion.

This time, M Chirac, a former Prime Minister, wants to have a heart to heart discussion with the President on the political situation and the prospects for situation and the prospects for the Government parties in the elections, which give him in-creasing cause for concern. From his systematic convassing of the departments—he has visited 22 out of 90 in the past two mouths—he has become convinced that the left remains as dengerous divided as it was as dangerous divided as it was before the breach between Socialists and Communists on September 22.

The breach has scarcely, if at all, undermined the com-bined strength of both leading opposition parties in the counopposition parties in the country or benefited the Government parties. The reason, as M Chirac sees it, is that M Barre's economic plan has failed. A different remedy is therefore urgently required to rally the support of the 2 per cent or 3 per cent of undecided voters who will decide the outcome who will decide the outcome at the polls.

At the same time, the parties of the Government coalition must give public opinion a more dynamic and positive image of their own unity and their ob-iectives, by refraining from behind-the-scenes manoeuvres against one another, on the false assumption that the dan-ger from the left has declined, and with it the appeal of the

M Chirac is, of course, parricularly sensitive to veiled threats to the Gaullists' distinct personality through attempts to whip them into line behind the

M Chirac's problem is to defend the identity of his party, without undermining the unity of the Government majority, or challenging the position of the President His call on M Giscard d'Estaing is a demonstration of his loyalty to the presidential institution, and a clever attempt to steal a march on the Gov-crament and on his coalition

Dutch fail to renew Agee permit From Our Correspondent

Amsterdam, Dec 2 Philip Agee, the author and

ramp Agee, the author and former CIA agent expelled from Britain, has not had his permit to stay in Holland renewed, the Ministry of Justice announced. The Ministry said Mr Agee had originally applied for a one-year permit. He was instead allowed to stay for three months on condition that he abstained on condition that he abstance from activities that could endanger public order and national security, or damage Holland's foreign relations.

It is understood that Mr Agee, through various publications, is

ing affect on these relations.

The Ministry refused to comment, saying the matter was sub judice. sub judice.

Mr Agee's appeal against the original decision to refuse him a one-year permit will be heard on December 19. Pending the hearing he may remain in the rountry. A final decision by the Justice Minister on whatever to expel Mr Agee is expected early in January.



EEC policy under Tories From Michael Hornsby

Brussels, Dec 2 A Conservative government would pursue a policy towards the EEC very little different in its essentials from that of the Labour Government. This was the clear impression left by Mrs Margaret Thatcher after

wilson, Britain had "not played the most willingly cooperative part in the Community". Under a Conservative government, she promised, there would be a "change of attitude".

Broad to are what this for all a Conservative government, she promised, there would be a "change of attitude".

Pressed to say what this

would mean in practice, Mrs Thatcher was at a loss to identify any important area of policy where the Tories might poncy where the Tories might have acted differently from the present Government. The only suggestion she could offer was that the Tories would not have "mucked about" for so long before introducing a Bill on direct elections to the European Parliament. Parliament.

two days of talks in Brussels with Nato and European Com-Sitting at her side. Mr John Davies, the Conservative spokes-At a farewell press conference, Mrs Thatcher said that under Mr Callaghan and Mr the EEC might be nearer to

for oil.

On fisheries, Mrs Thatcher

said that the Tories would pre-fer Britain to have exclusive control over its coastal water until " we are certain that catch quotas can be properly moni-tored". This is fully in line with current Government policy which is the main cause of the impasse in the negotiations to get a new EEC fisheries policy. The clear impression from the press conference was that in an increasingly electoral atmosphere in Britain, an overly

Bookseller on trial for | Italy's new selling 'violent' paper

From Patricia Clough

mission officials.

Thoms Kram of Bochum today became the first person to go on trial in West Germany under a controversial law which punishes booksellers and news-vendors who sell material advo-cating crime and violence. Herr Kram is accused of having put on sale in his book-

shop six copies of a newspaper which allegedly advocated the destruction of the state apparatus and armed conflict. The paper, entitled Revolutionary Rage, was allegedly published by an extreme left wing group. He faces a maximum penalty of three years' imprisonment and a possible ban on selling books in future.

The court in Dortmund today rejected an application to send Herr Kram's case to the Constitutional Court to test the validity of the law. Commonly known as "paragraph 88a" it punishes anyone who sells, dis-

punishes anyone who sells, distributes or passes on material advocating serious crimes.

Meanwhile, the Government is becoming alarmed by the soaring numbers of conscientious objectors who apply to do civilian instead of military service. It is planning to make them live in barracks.

Many of the conscientious objectors live at home while doing their 15 months' work in hospitals and other institutions. hospitals and other institutions.

The Defence Ministry calculates that the number of conscientious objectors, which ran at an average of just over 2,000 a month in 1971, was 10,000 this month. It predicts anything up to 140,000 for the coming year.

Herr Georg Leber, the Defence Minister, has said that if this continued the situation would become worrying in the first half of next year. But he promised that it would not be allowed to affect the efficiency of the armed forces. of the armed forces. The Federal Ombudsman for

the civilian service, Herr Hans Iven, outlined an eight-point plan for the service to the Constitutional Court yesterday. Besides a barracks life for conscientious objectors, it included plant for them to work as well plans for them to work as well in civil defence and environ-

in civil defence and environ-ment projects.

The court was hearing a case brought by the Christian Demo-cratic majority in the Bundesrat (Upper House) against a law abolishing the "conscience test" for young men who claimed to be conscientious objectors.

A representative of the social Democrat-Free Democrat Government majority said it was impossible for a committee to distinguish between a real and a pretended conscientious objector. The court's decision will be announced in March.

Huge assault hovercraft is tested by Russia

Navy is testing a huge, 90 mph, armoured assault hovercraft capable of transporting hundreds of marines with tanks, allied intelligence sources said

today.
Intelligence photographs show the craft speeding behind a wall of spray over the Baltic near the East German island of Rügen, a main military training and weapons test area for the Warsaw Pact. It is estimated to carry some 400 marines or a lesser number with tanks. The sources said that the hovercraft was in an advanced state of testing an dhas been used in exercises with Soviet. Polish and East German naval infantry as the Warsaw Pact describes its amphibious forces. It appears to be armoured in some areas, such as in the bow, the craft speeding behind a wall

Brussels, Dec 2.—The Soviet guided automatic cannon, apparently as a defence against enemy aircraft or for use against the defenders of an enemy beach. The Hovercraft is powered by four engines, weighs about 225-250 tons and is about 150ft

long. It has a bow ramp to dis-charge troops and vehicles. The sources said that Nato military commanders were con-cerned about the Soviet decicerned about the Soviet decision to develop an assault hovercraft because it would vastly increase the striking power of the 11,000 Warsaw Pact amphibious troops in the

Hovercraft can also move over land and thus could pass over the bogs, rivers and canals in Denmark and Schleswig-Holstein which now act as natural defensive barriers for

Communists attack leftist report

some areas, such as in the bow, and carries four 30mm radar-

From Charles Hargrove

Paris, Dec 2 The French Communist Party

has reacted with predictable violence to a report on the development of European union to the Western European Union (WEU) Assembly earlier this week by M Raymond Forni, a leading member of the Socialist party's left-wing group, the

The report called for "harmonization of the strategic concepts of member countries? and the "reinforcement of con-sultation procedures" in Western defence.

It was the first time a French Socialist—and, what is more, a prominent representative of the Socialist left, which is close to the Communist Party but very critical of the independent French deterrent and of Western defence cooperation—had aired his views on the subject before the Assembly.

The report showed how the The report showed how the Ceres view is evolving towards the mainstream party view. It will be discussed in detail at a Socialist Party intended to

pean defence by the Europeans. Only then would a more effective control by the WEU, both of nuclear stocks and of sales of conventional

armaments, become possible.

M Jean Kanapa, the member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party responsible for international affairs, described the report as "absolutely astounding". He said its objective was the setting up of "common West European defence at the service of automatic military commitments". He claimed it was in complete agreement with the Giscardian

and Centrist views.

He said the Forni report proclaimed that a Socialist Government "would submit our feet should reflect on this and

special Socialist congress on defence in Paris this month.

M Forni not only endorsed the Gaullist view of the necessity for an independent nuclear Commander vetoes the particideterrent, but emphasized the need for a "real policy of Euro-

After reading it, it was clear why M Mitterrand, the Socialist leader, rejected an autonomous national defence. The Forni report threw overboard the fundamental principles of the left-wing common programme on defence. It revealed "the right turn by the Socialist Party"

M Form said today that his report said the nuclear deter-rent was a sufficiently serious matter for a country not to leave it to an international forum to decide on its possible limitation or abandonment. "But an independent defence. in which I believe, does not imply the abandonment of all

nists should reflect on this and follow the lead of their Italian the comrades who had approved his

speed limits face criticism

From Peter Nichols Rome, Dec 2

The final rush before Christregulations imposed by the Italian Government which have come in for some heavy criticism from, among others, the Italian Automobile Club.

The complexity of the new law is seen to be its principal weakness. The speed limit within built-up areas of 50 kilometres an hour (31 mph) applies to all cars, but on roads outside towns and on the motorways there are varying limits for cars of different cylinder capacity. Cars are divided into four groups and each group is allotted a different maximum

speed on roads and on motor-ways, meaning that there are eight in all and nine, counting the 50 kilometre an ho in built up areas, which in fact has always existed but has been widely ignored.

Despite the complications, the system is far from being regarded as fair to all. The owner for instance of a 650 cc Fiat 126 is allowed to travel at a maximum speed of 110 kilometries to have a maximum speed. metres an hour even though the declared maximum speed for this model is 105 kilometres an

At the other end of the scale, the owners of cars with large engines are said to be penalized because the difference between their effective top speeds and the maximum allowed by law is much wider than that for small

cars.

The multiplicity of permitted speeds makes checking more difficult. Instruments have to rell the difference between classes of cars as well as check the speed. Most of the instrument the police will use have not yet been distributed, anyway, according to the Automobile Clubs, though the regulations came into effect on November 1.

The new limits are expected The new limits are expected to decrease the number of fatal accidents on Italian roads. These have already fallen because of the economic crisis. Last year the number of deaths on the road was below 9,000 for the first time since 1966. The peak was reached in 1972 with 11,078 deaths.

Several factors have helped, including better roads and safety campaigns, but almost certainly a degree of self-limitation of speed by motorists because of the rising costs of fuel, and better maintenance of cars have contributed to the improvement.

The weak point of the new The weak point of the new system is that a quarter of all accidents in built-up areas occur at street corners without traffic lights or policemen. The argument is heard that the speed limit in built-up areas should be varied according to the relative safety of the road.

Paintings worth £100,000 stolen in The Hague

The Hag's, Dec 2.—Eleven paintings valued at moer than 450,000 guilders (about £100,000), including one by Van Gogh, were stolen from the Citizens' Municipal Museum of The Hague, the police said today.

The paintings vanished from storage room in the basement of the museum. The Van Gogh, called "A Natural Bird's Nest", was the most valuable, worth about 200,000 guilders.—AP.

OVERSEAS.

Tripoli summit sets out to change map of alliances and balance of forces throughout Arab world

The six hard-line leaders of the Arab world today began talks here in an attempt to unify opposition to President Sadar's peace overtures to Israel. Colonel Caddafi, their Libyan host, led the delegates from Algeria, Iraq the Palestine Lib

eration Organization, South Yemen and Syria into the ornate former palace of King Iskis to start work on a common stand which he hoped would leave President Sadar even more iso-lated, than he is at present. The meeting was remarkable in itself as a reflection of the new closeness between pre-viously fractious Arab neighviously fractions Arab neighbours. Not only were the Iraqis and Syrians laying aside their bitter political rivalries, if only temporarily, but Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, was seated at the conference table flanked by his two hard-line associates. Dr George Habash and Mr Nayef Hawatmeh.

It was the Palestinians who

front the dangerous results of the [Sadet] visit." No details were disclosed, but it is understood that the most

seeking a complete breach of diplomatic relations with Egypt and an economic boycott. According to a spokesman, the Palestinians and Iraqis have brought a clear-cut plan to Tripoli and the Libyans will also present a set of proposals. By the end of the conference, the "rejectionists" are hoping to formulate a position that will tempt more moderate Arab states, such as Sudan, into the anti-Sadat camp. They hope that a show of strength, couched in appropriately moderate lan-guage, will bring about what a conference source termed "a change in the whole map of Arab alliances and the balance

radical of the hard-liners are Boumedienne.

Moscow: President Brezhnev today assured Mr Tareq Aziz, a member of Iraq's Revolu-tionary Command Council, of in appropriately moderate language, will bring about what a conference source termed "a Cairo: Egyot has not yet dechange in the whole map of Arab alliances and the balance of forces in the Arab world".

Arring at agreement is likely to prove a difficult task, however.

The first session overran its

started the first session of three allotted time preventing Colonel and a half hours, with their Gaddafi, dressed in the traditional burnous, from leading his

mosque.

The conference reconvened five hours later and heard a message from President Amin of Uganda. As a member of the PLO delegation read it, reactions ranged from a quizical smile on President Assad's face to laughter from President mosque.

guests to prayers in a near by

continuing Soviet support for the Arab cause and the goal of liberating all Israel-held Arab

have visa From Moshe Brilliant Tel Aviv, Dec 2 The first journalist to reach Cairo on an Israeli passport was

received at immigration control received at immigration control last night with a dropped jaw, a kiss on each cheek and an entry permit free of charge, with the compliments of the Exprian Government. were awaiting answers from to laughter from President Cairo about arrangements for Israeli journalists to cover the ferthcoming Cairo talks, Mr Sami Grinshpan, foreign news

editor of Yediot Aharonot, flew ro Cairo last night by way of Rome without an Egyption visa nor a permit from his own Gov-enment to enter an "enemy" territory. He also reaffirmed Soviet support for the Pales-tineans and their struggle for country.

Polls favour Fraser Government

Melbourne, Dec 2

Two polls published today pur the Australian Government ahead of the Opposition, only one week before the general election.

The first, run by Australian Public Opinion Polls, found that the Liberal-National Country Party Government would have been returned if the election had been held last weekend.

The coalition would have required 45 per cent of the vote compared with 42 per cent for Labour. After the distribution of minor party preferences, the coalition would have received 52 per cent of the preferred vote to Labour's 48 per cent.

taken last weekend and shows that 46 per cent of those asked approve of the way Mr Fraser is handling the job. This is Mr Fraser's highest Galliup poll approval rating this year and shows an increase of 5 per cent since early November.

The way Mr Gough Whitlam, the leader of the Opposition, is handling his position, is approved by 42 per cent of those asked, an increase of 2 per cent since early November.

vote to Labour's 48 per cent. since early November. Labour which had been A similar result in the election on Saturday week would the Government in a week in Democrats' preferences.

give the coalition a majority of up to 25 seats in the 124-sear House of Representatives, compared with 55 in the present 127-seat House.

The second, a Gallup poll, shows an increase in the popularity of Mr Malcolm Fraser, the Prime Minister. It was also taken last weekend and shows that 46 per cent of those asked approve of the way Mr Fraser office, although with a reduced

office, although with a reduced majority. The result of the elec-tion might still be decided by the preferences of Australian Democrats' supporters. In the Gallup Poli of a week ago, 47 per cent of the Democrats' supporters gave their second preferences to the coalition and 37 per cent to Labour. This was a disappointment for Labour which had been relying on more than 50 per cent of Democrats' preferences.

fle reported in his newspaper this morning that the Egyntian control officer could not believe his eves when he first saw the Ismeli passport. After another lock, however, he left his counter and kissed the bearer. Policemen, customs officers and the proposed around to porters crowded around to shoke Mr Grinshpan's hand. Mr Grinshoan made no secret of the fact that he had no visa, but the problem was brushed eside. He was taken to a room where he chatted with Egyptians over cups of coffee and tea for

He reported in his newspaper

Cairo kisses

who did not

While officials in Jerusalem

for Israeli

two hours until a senior official was reached and the omission rectified. One of the Ezyptians then insisted on driving Mr Grinshpan, who was born in Egypt but has Israeli citizen-ship, to his hotel. The Ministry of the Interior in Terrisalem issued a statement reminding citizens and per-manent residents that they must

Mr Kosygin to visit Finland next week

an "enemy" country.

for the sixueth anniversary of Finnish independence next week, Tass said today.—Agence France-Presse.

acquire special permits to visit

Nightly gun battles in | 1m acres may change Ethiopian capital

Bonn repays Somalia for

Nairobi, Dec 2.-Political violence in Addis Ababa has reached the point where fire from automatic weapons fills the night for hours at a time, according to diplomats in the Ethiopian capital.

Two nights ago heavy fighting broke out in several areas of the city. The diplomats said

of the city. The universal such out-break same May, when 1,000 demonstrating students and activists were shot by security in several parts of the city, lasted for less than an hour.

Ethiopian newspapers today carried a report from the official Kelimian several agents.

teacher, a civil servent and another man, identified as "ringleaders of the Ethiopian

"ringleaders of the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party" were killed and many more captured in a gun battle. Diplomats said they suspected a power struggle was going on in the Dergue. This led to the execution of the Deputy Head of State, Lieutenant-General Atnafu Abate, and to gun battles and the settling of personal scores at other levels. The Diplomats said the prolonged battles now going on longed battles now going on appeared partly to be Govern-

ment attempts to preempt assassination attempts. The official report in the newspapers today said those killed and captured "were pre-

ing action against counterrevolutionaries "has been violence against progressives significantly intensified". It said that early yesterday a stormed "—Reuter.

role in hostages' rescue Bonn, Dec 2

A Somali delegation has ended a visit here with promises of fresh aid from a grateful West German Government. Herr Schmidt, the Chancellor, had promised that his country would not forget Somalia's action last October in allowing

action last October in anowing a West German commando unit to rescue the 86 hostages held by terrorists in a Lufthansa airliner at Mogadishu eirport. The gesture turned Somalia overnight into West Germany's overnight into West Germany's favourite developing country. Mr Yusuf Adan Bokah, its Ambassador in Boan, was fêted by the Cabiner and enthusiastically applauded in Parliament. Herr Schmidt went to the Embassy's national day reception—a rare honour—and television channels rang long documentaries on the country that

Moroccan King

cancels talk

with reporters

Rabat, Dec 2.-King Hassan of Morocco today cancelled without explanation a meeting

with six American reporters

intended as a prelude to the

King's first visit to the United

States for more than a decade.

At the same time, Moroccan

officials angrily protested to the

United States over a press con-

ference given in Washington

yesterday by Mr Hakim Ibrahim, spokesman of the Polisario guerrilla movement, which is fighting Moroccan and

Mauritanian forces in the former Spanish Sahara. Moroccan officials declined

to say whether there was any link between the press confer-ence and cancellation of the

King's talk with the correspon-

Czech border guard

slips into W Germany

Furth im Wald, Dec 2.—An armed member of the Czecho-

dents.-AP.

From Our Own Correspondent many Germans had never even heard of.

A hastily organized mofficial fund entitled "Thanks to Somalia" has already collected DM350,000 (£87,500) to help Somali orphans. The Somali delegation, led by Major-General Husain Kulmie Afrah, the Vice-President, dis-cussed German financing for a

project to settle nomads and a sizable contribution to an internationally-financed dam to pro-The Development Aid Ministry would neither confirm nor deay reports that these would cost West Germany about

DM33m over the next two years. The Government made it clear once again that despite part of his Administration's its gratitude it is not going to send arms to Somalia and intends to stay neutral in the war with Ethiopia.

hands in US reform

Washington, Dec 2

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Up to one million acres of farmland in the Mid West and Far West could change hands in what would be the most far-reaching land reform undertaken by the United States Government in more than a century. In a limie remarked an-

nouncement this summer, Mr Cecil Andrus, the Secretary of the Interior, unveiled complex proposals which would force large corporate agricultural in-terests to sell federally irri-gated land to smallholders at an approved price. Failure to comply would result in a cut-off of water supplies from federal

irigation schemes.

In addition landowaiers
would be obliged to live on
their land or within a 50-mile
radius as a deterrent to absentee ownership. Leased land would be subject to similar

would be subject to similar restrictions.

The draft regulations, which have provoked a lively debate in those areas likely to be most affected, would close loopholes in legislation adopted at the beginning of this century; this in turn was based on pioneering incentives introduced in the middle of the last censure.

century.
As an inducement to settlers from the East Coast, the Homestead Act of 1862 granted free parcels of land of up to 160 acres to individuals who were willing to occupy and improve it. All he (or she) needed was a few lengths of barbed wire to stake our and then register a claim. By 1880, more than 55 million acres had been taken up in the 17 states west of the Missouri.

About 20 years later, when virtually all the easily cultivated land had been apportioned, President Roosevelt, as

land. Under the 1902 Reclamaland. Under the 1902 Reclamation Act, water supplies were theoretically restricted to those farms of less than 160 acres covered by the Homestead Act. But over the years, largely because of loopholes in the 1902 Act, large corporate farming interests have accumulated big landholdings through interlocking ownership arrange-

locking ownership arrange-ments. Not surprisingly, this upset many small farmers, par-ticularly a group in California who finally won a court order last year compelling the Government to righten existing

legislation.

The proposed regulations published in August in published in August in response to the court order would affect a manifest and the court order 1,074,000 acres of "excess farming land out of a total of about nine million acres covered by the Reclamation Act. Sale prices would be controlled by the Government to prevent windfall profits to speculators. culators.

The proposals have come under heavy attack from many quarters, especially agricultural corporations which would stand to lose most. Since the plan was announced, the Department of the Interior has received more than 7,000 letters, most of them highly criti-cal. The opponents' most fre-quent argument is that the new regulations would inter-fere with natural market

forces.
The Administration has responded by organizing public hearings throughout the mid-West and Far West. It has also agreed to postpone to the end of the year the normal three-month period during which objections can be lodged. At least four suits have been submitted to delay the implementation of the proposed laws. These claim that environments of the proposed laws. These claim that environments of the proposed laws. mental impact studies are required before the changes can take effect. A final decision by Mr Andrus is promised by March 1 at the latest.

Mrs Carter may return Hungarian crown jewels

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, Dec 2

Hungarian crown jewels, which have been in American custody since the war, will probably be returned to Budapest in early January, possibly by Mrs Rosalyan Carter. The original plan was to return St Stephen's Crown and the various other insignia of Hun-garian royalty this month. Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secre-tary of State, who is attending a Nato meeting in Brussels next week, intended to take them to Budapest afterwards. The reason given here for the delay is his unexpected preoccupation with the Middle East.

If Mrs Carter cannot manage to deliver the crown, then Mr Vance may yet to so. The Presi-dent and Mrs Carter are setting out on a tour of Asia and Europe on December 29. They will go first to Warsaw, and proceed thence to India by way

Furth im Wald, Dec 2.—An armed member of the Czechoslovak border guard slipped caross the West German border, last night before the rest of his unit realized that he was missing, West German border police said today.—AP.

They will return to Europe by way of Saudi Arabia, reaching Paris on January 4. If Mrs Carter or Mr Vence is to deliver the crown, it will probably be after the conclusion of the President's visit to France. He is stopping briefly in

Brussels before returning to Hungarian-Americans

tinue to protest against the decision to return the crown. They claim that to do so is to sauctify an amestic and undemocratic regime which was imposed upon Hungary by the Red Army, and which remains in power solely because of Russian support.

The protests have had no effect. It is now admirted here that the Americans have no business keeping other countries' national treasures in Fort Knox, however much they

The Crown of St Stephen was presented to a mediaeval king of Hungary by the Pope. By accepting it, the king accepted western Catholicism audurned bis back on the east and Constantinople. Hungary has ever since considered itself part of Western Europe, and St Stephen's Crown is the symbol of these collections. of that ellegance.

This was one of the reasons that led the Americans to keep it after it was confided into their carr in 1945. They feered that it would be buried in some Hungarian Fort Knox, or even destroyed

Heyerdahl reed boat sails on after repairs

Bashdad, Dec 2—Professor
Thor Heyerdahl, the Norwegian
explorer, today resumed his
voyage through the Gulf to the
Indian Ocean from southern
Iraq after being delayed for
nine days for repairs to his
reed boat,
Professor Heyerdahl, aged 63,
wants to prove that the wants to prove that the Sumerians, the earliest known civilized settlers of what is now

Iraq, spread their civilization by sea. The Kon Tiki explorer says the design of his 59fr beat, Tigris, dates back 5,000 years. It has been undergoing rudder repairs at Fac

Sea rescue after week in dinghy

Veletta, Dec 2.—Two injured and exhausted Maltese seemen who drifted for seven days in the Mediterranean in a rubber dingly have been rescued after a search by RAF secret; based in Malta. The men abandoned the Cypriot-registered coastal trader Queen of Peace when the ship foundered in heavy.

seas on a voyage from Reggo to Benghari.—Reuter.

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Republican hopefuls start to think about 1980 nomination

From Patrick Brogan Washington, Dec 2

Senator Robert Dole was the Republican candidate for the Mr Dole says firmly that he vice-presidency last year, and will not run for the nomination he makes no secret of the fact against Mr. Ford. "That would that he is thinking of running for the presidential nomination him his big chance of national

He eats chicken dinners in motels several times a week all over the country, making this is an easier promise to speeches at local Republican make It is not very likely that gatherings and "looking the former Governor of Caliaround", as they say, at his formit will try again, at 69 chances.

Senator Dole's problem may be

Mr Jimmy Carter, when he was Governor of Georgia, started running for the Demo-cratic nomination immediately after the 1972 convention, and this early-bird example is the thing to follow. Mr Dole is not the only prominent Republican on the "rubber chicken circuit": so are Mr John Connally and Senator Howard Baker, who have already set up skeleton organizations, which will be considerably expanded as the months go by and the competition gets serious.

Mr. Connally was once Demo-

Mr Connally was once Democratic Governor of Texas, and Lyndon Johnson's Secretary of the Navy. Later, he worked in the White House for President Nixon, trying to save him from Watergate. The Watergate special prosecutor took him to court on a corruption charge, and he was acquitted. Mr Baker is minority leader

in the Senate. He, too, came to fame during Watergate, as senior Republican on the Ervin committee, forever asking the question: "What did the President know, and when did be know it?" He was conspicuously kinder to the heavy-weights among witnesses than to the small fry, and the White House considered bim a friend

in court.

He is facing a difficult reelection battle next year, in
Tennessee. If he wins, he will at least have his bands free in 1980: Senator Dole will be un

plicated by doubt over the in-Ford and Mr Ronald Reagan. notorsety last year.

He also says that he would not run against Mr Reagan, but

Mr Ford's indecision.

if the former President decides to wait to see what happens, he may tie Mr Dole's hands behind his back and cast a blight across the Republican campaign, as Senator Humphrey did for at least Senator some Democrats last year. Meanwhile, other Republi-

cans are plotting away. They include Senator Lowell Weicker of Connecticut, who represents the centre-to-left wing of the party. He was easily reelected last year and therefore has no electoral problems in either 1980 or 1984 (senators have a six-year

The new Governor of Illinois, Mr James Thompson, is often mentioned as a possible presidential candidate, but he is too busy establishing his reputation at home. His time may

come later.

The right wing of the Republican Party is in the escendant, at the moment, and Senator Dole belongs there without sharing the exclusionary ten-dencies of his colleagues, Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina, for example, wants to drum all remaining liberals out of the party.
Mr Dole realizes that that

would be suicidal. He may also realize that the wisdom of running for the Republican nomination in 1980 depends upon President Carter's popularity as the election for relection that year, and will larry as the election have to decide whether to stake everything on winning the presidency, or whether to save his seat, and make his big push in 1984.

He positive as the election approaches. He might be as difficult to defeat as Mr Johnson in 1964 or Mr Nixon in 1972, and the better part of wisdom might be to wait a bit longer.

Chrysler guards Ill shot dead in Buenos Aires Buenos Aires, Dec 2-Two

bodyguards of an executive of the Chrysler motor company died today when their car was sprayed with machine gun fire from two other vehicles, police

third bodyguard was seriously wounded in the shooting, in a southern suburb of Buenos Aires. The company's ourskirts of Buenos Aires, employing 4,500 people. Two Chrysler executives and a supervisor were killed in left deprived of all his academic wing guerrilla attacks last year.

KGB summons Dr Zinoviev for questioning

Moscow, Dec 2.—The KGB, the Soviet secret police, today summoned Alexander Zinoviev, a writer and philosopher, to the Lefortovo jail for question-

ing his wife reported.

She told Western correspondents she did not know why her husband was under inter-

rogation. Dr Zinoviev was expelled from the Communist Party and lost his post as professor of The Argentine subsidiary of after his book, The Yauning after the meeting said the aim Chrysler has two plants in the Heights was published in the of the talks was to discuss ways titles the following month.— Agence France-Presse.

B1 bomber cancellation disappoints general

By Henry Stanbope Defence Correspondent

General George Brown, chair-Chiefs of Staff, has described the cancellation of the B1 bomber programme by Presi-

and to many other people in America, including some members of Congress.

If the United States retained its present triad of nuclear weapons, with Cruise missiles filling the place left by the B1, it would still be able o have strategic parity with the Soviet Union. But he wondered what would happen when the ong-serving B52 bomber came o the end of its life. A larger ersion of the FIII aircraft, with more range and payload,

vas being sought. General Brown told the Royal Inited Services Institute that he best way to maintain

trategic equivalence between

the two superpowers was by strategic arms limitation agree-

"If controls on numbers of man of the United States Joint strategic nuclear weapons were Chiefs of Staff, has described not established. United States delence spending to maintain strategic nuclear equivalence bomber programme by President Carter as "a great disappointment".

He said in London yesterday

by President Muld have to increase by \$1,000m (£550m) or \$2,000m annually. "That increased cost would not necessarily increase that it was a cause of some concern to the Chiefs of Staff race might even induce instability and reduce security."

But he confessed to being concerned by the "breadth and intensity" of Soviet nuclear programmes. The rate at which they were deploying weapons was impressive, and their emphasis on developing new systems was "especially worri-

General Brown declined to return to the subject of the interview in the United States hast year, when he was quoted as describing the British armed forces as having nothing more than "generals admirals and bands". He said: "I have nothing but respect and friend-



Journalist witnessed atrocities'

Salisbury, Dec 2.- In the fiveyear war between the Rhodesian Government and black pationslist guerrillas, both sides have accused each other of atrocities involving civilians. The Government is now investigating allegations of atrocities carried out by the army.
An account by Mr Ross

Baughman, an Associated Press Photographer who saw Rhodesian troops in action at close quarters, offers some details of one case under investigation.

Mr Baughman, who has now left Rhodesia, said that in September he saw members of

From Our Correspondent

The first round of settlement

talks between the Rhodesian

Government and two of the

nationalist organizations was

held today at the civil service training centre in the Highlands

suburb of Salisbury. The meet-

ing lasted 80 minutes and then

quickly as possible to a peace-

cordial and a number of con-

The delegations would give con-

sideration to these and resume

discussions on them at the next

Smith, the Prime Minister, and smith, the Prime Minister, and included Mr David Smith, the Deputy Prime Minister; Mr Hilary Squires, the Minister of Justice and of Law and Order;

and Mr Jack Gaylard, the Secretary to the Cabinet Senator Chief Chirau headed

the delegation from the Zimbabwe United People's Organization and Dr Elliott Gabellah, the first vice-president of the African National

General Zia, the chief martial law administrator, has turned down a request from the Paki-stan National Alliance to speed

up the date of next year's

Politicians in the Alliance

formerly the Opposition to Mr Bhuno, the deposed Prime Mini-ster, have called for it to be held in March. After the mili-

Council, led

From Richard Wigg Rawalpindi, Dec 2

general election.

adjourned until next Friday.

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Salisbury, Dec 2

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by settlement talks

African

of the talks was to discuss ways National Council. He is in of proceeding as quickly as mourning for a week after last

a 25-man Rhodesian army cavalry unit from the Grey's Scouts look and burn huts, beat a local black politician and torture his wife and daughter. His presence was arranged with the help of a Rhodesian conv major, an American, with

Government approval.
When more senior Rhodesian authorities found out who Mr Banghman was, he was ordered to return to Selisbury where-some of his film was confiscated or spoilt.
He said the incidents took

place in the area of Lupani, 80 miles from the border with Botswana and he was in the presence of a white officer when presence of a winte officer when the latter received a report that the black politician Moffat Ncube, secretary of the local branch of the African National Council, had died as the result of beatings during interroga-A high-level Rhodesian army

ANC faction, the United African

week's raids by Rhodesian

terrorist attacks.

Gen Zia refuses to speed up elections

He has also turned down the

Alliance's demand for allowing normal political activity, which has been banned since October

Professor Ghafoor Ahmad, secretary-general of the Alli-

ance, reported these reactions

to the press today after a dele-gation he led spent five hours

last night negotiating with General Zia here.

The general refused to budge from a timetable that foresees the next seven months being the next seven months being the next seven months the present

Sithole

tary takeover in June it was set from a timetable that foresees for October but postponed, the next seven months being General Zia now holds out next taken up with the present October as the most likely date. Lahore murder trial involving

source said Mr Baughman's account was accurate in sub-stance but that 75 per cent of the details were either exaggerated or wrong. The source said Mr Neube is alive and would be a chief prosecu-tion witness in any court martial that might arise from

the interrogation.
Mr Baughman said that during the cavalry unit's three-day mission he saw the soldiers beat Mr Ncube about the head with a small wooden bar while he was unconscious and tied up; kick and threaten two black youths who were among a group rounded up at an aban-boned school; burn down huts and threaten to destroy others; and fasten rope nooses about the necks of two prisoners and force them to run or be dragged several miles behind horses. He said be also saw them re-peatedly punch a black prisoner before pinning him to the

ground, wrapping his shirt about his head and pouring water from a bucket over his nose and mouth until he passed out. Mr Baughman said the sol-

diers pulled down the under-wear of Mr Ncube's daughter, wear of Mr Ncube's daughter, whom he described as a teenager, and whipped her several dozen times. He claimed that they repeated the procedure with Mr Ncube's wife, before tying her on to a bed whose metal springs had been heated over a fire. (The military source in Salisbury claimed that Mr 'Ncube's daughter is a

Mr 'Ncube's daughter is a toddler, not a teenaged.)
The photographer said he accompanied the mission as an observer, although he was told to wear army unaform and sion he was asked to help the soldiers carry the bed on which Mr Ncube's wife was

Africans encouraged Mr Vorster rules out a black parliament

From Nicholas Ashford

Johannesburg, Dec 2

Mr. Vorster, the South
African Prime Minister, said
tonight that it was not his
Government's policy to give the
nation's eight million urban
blacks representation in the Ndabaningi Sirhole, is in the United States. One nationalist delegate said One nationalist delegate said the meeting was very informal. Proposals were put by the Government and in turn by the other delegations. "It was all very encouraging. If what went on today is indicative of the white Parliament or to create a special parliament for them as is planned for the 2,400,000 Coloureds and 700,000 Asians. future, then I feel very hopeful", he said. The urban blacks, like the rest of the nation's 18 million Missing from today's talks was Bishop Abel Muzorewa, president of the most popular

Africans, would only exercise their political rights in the tribal "homelands" or Bantustans, he said. However, he added that he wanted to give urban blacks complete urban self-government with even more powers than those enjoyed by white city and municipal councils in so

quickly as possible to a peace-ful constitutional settlement. It said the meeting was frank and at least 1,200 people died. Without him today's meeting structive proposals were made. had a somewhat hollow ring. far as education and law and The fact that the talks have order were concerned.

Mr Vorster was speaking in been adjourned until he is available next Friday indicates how important his presence is. His radio and television broadcasts after seeing his National Party

The Rhodesian Government organization represents possibly team was headed by Mr Ian 80 per cent of black political opinion. with the biggest election victory ever witnessed in South Africa. Describing the election result as "an avalanche", he said the result was a vote against foreign interference in South Africa's affairs. The The Prime Minister sent an open letter to Bishop Muzorewa regretting his decision not to attend today's talks. Justifying election result had gone beyond last week's raids, he said that every day that passed without a his wildest dreams. The National Party won 134 of the all-white Parliament's 165 seats, settlement being reached meant that more innocent Rhodesians polling 689,108 out of the 1,063,774 votes cast. The population of South Africa is more than 24 million. were being massacred by ter-rorists, and the action of the security forces was to protect the civilian population against Much of Mr Vorster's broad-

next formight.

choice of election months was

some of his former

cast was a repetition of wha he had been sying during the election campaign and he did not give any indication that any significant changes in the country's race policies could be expected.

His government would be prepared to make changes, he said, but only within the framework of separate development. He rejected suggestions that the election would merely en-trench discrimination because his Government had done more than any previous administration to do away with "unneces-sary discrimination".

To his mind it was not discrimination to believe, as he did, in different residential areas and different schools for different population groups. This was what the people wanted.

The Prime Minister indicated that he would continue to take a strong line on the question of law and order. The freedom of individual could not be allowed to jeopardize the safety of the state. If it was necessary the deprive certain individuals of some of their rights, his Gov-ernment would not hesitate to

He repeated South Africa's determination to fight to keep the southern tip of Africa free from communist domination.

"Small as we are, our people,
Afrikaans and English speakers,
will defend South Africa to the

Spassky calls off chess game Mr Bhutto and other charges that are expected to be pre-ferred against Mr Bhutto in the because of a cold

Belgrade, Dec 2.—Boris Spassky, the former world chess Because of the heat in June and the oncoming monsoon, General Zia indicated that the champion, today called off the sixth game in his metch against limited to March or October. He refused to allow open politics on the ground that it would interfere with the "accountability process", the name given to the court proceedings against Mr Bhutto and some of his former. Viktor Korchnoi because he had a cold. The game will be played on Monday.

Korchnoi is leading in the match by 31 points to 11. The winner will challenge Anatoly Karpov, the present champion, for the world title.—Reuter.

President Banzer not to

La Paz, Dec 2.—President Banzer of Bolivia has unex-pectedly announced here that e will not be a candidate in the presidential election of July 9 next year.

nation yesterday General Ban-zer said that his decision was "firm and irreversible" and dictated by his "own con-

power in a military coup in August, 1971, made the broadcast in the presence of his Cabiner, senior military offi-cers and about 100 special guests. To many observers the

election seemed designed to return General Banzer to the presidency with a popular man-date. Last Saturday he asked to retire from the Army. The move was interpreted as preparing his candidacy, because the constitution bans military officers from the presidency.

created by his withdrawal, with no other clear candidate in

seemed suspicious of the President's real intentions and preferred not to comment. Bolivia's last civilian President Dr Luis Adolfo Siles Salinas, who as Vice-President succeeded General René Barrientos on the latter's death in April, 1969, and was deposed by the armed forces five months later, said in a letter made public yesterday that he would

Zaman established as

Hunt's challenger for world supremacy

Squash Rackets Correspondent Camar Zaman best his travelling

Squash rackets

Gamar Zaman beat his travelling companion and practice partner, Mohanisah Khan, by 9-4, 9-7, 3-9, 9-3 in the final match of a four-termanient "world series" sponsored by Pakistan International Airlines at Wembley last night. Zaman beat Geostrey Hunt in the Frankfurt final (the only termanical in which Hunt Hunt in the Frankfurt final (the only tournement in which Hunt played) and convested the remaining three with Mohibullab—beating in the Karachi and Wembley but losing in Stockholm. Zamun also beat Mohibullah in the semifical round of the world championship, played at Adelaide in October.

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For the moment Zaman has established banself as Hunt's chief challenger for world supremacy. It remains to be seen how much longer the Australian can resist the younger Pakistanis. It is slightly worrying that, except for Hunt, the Pakistanis are dominating the game as they did in the 1950s and that there is no sign of a genuine threat from any other nation. Fine players though they are, the kame's shop window would be more stimulating if the best buys had a more cosmopolitan range.

woith the mark stimutating in an east poor value for money hast night. They pad 57 or f9 to sit or £2 to stand and they had to endure 68 minanes of what could most kindly be described as spasmodic ej-lendour. The continuity of the march was destroyed by obstruction and the ensuring appeals, arguments, lets or penalty points. Mohibullah looked mournful, Zaman indignant. But they had only themselves to blame. They often invited traffic problems by hanging about on the line of their opponent's approach to the ball, failing to drive much beyond the service line, or spraying shots into midcourt. Too many finals like this would soon clear the galleries. It would be interesting to know the percentage of rallies that ended inconclusively. When someone suggested 50 per cent the enaggeration did not seem excessive enough to contest.

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Zaman is currently in better form than Mohibullah because he is exploiting his immitable aptitude for the game with a degree of fitness and discretion tehat he has not consistently maintained

ning shots than Monibulian and ne used the lob to keep his hard-hitring opponent quiet. Mohibullah relied chiefly on punching the ball to a length, testing Zaman's speed with straight drops, and using his own astonishing agility in the cause of containment. Perhaps the most telling shot of the match was the pross-court backband drop that the cross-court backhand drop that stopped Mohibullah when he was 7—3 up in the second game. Having lost that game he had little chance of taking three in a row for the match. Mohibullah's next match will be

against another of his compatriots, Hidayat Jahan, at Wimbledon Stadium on Monday. They will be playing in a three-event challenge gers at a later promotion.

In addition to the men's professional match, the Wimbledon bill will feature a contest between two amateurs. Stuart Courtney and Barry O'Connor, and—an imtovation this seasca—a match between two women professionals. Lyke Hubinger (Australia) and Angela Smith (Britain). The emergence of women professionals is interesting. The seed was sown in 1973 when the Women's Squash Rackets Association introduced open competition and Heather McKay promptly turned professional. Seven other leading women players have since

ressorial. Seven other women players have followed her example.

UXBRIDGE: RAF chample semi-final round: Wing Cdr P. bent Fit Lt N. Giffin. — 9 — 7: Cpl L. Aribur best Sqn Craves. — 9. — 8. — 10. 9 — 4.

Ice skating

Cousins needs to improve his compulsory figures

By Dennis Bird

The National Skating Association's ice-figure committee will not amnounce until December 13 the composition of the team to represent Britain in this season's international events, but after this week's national championships at Richmond Ice Rink several names suggest themselves automatically. The outstanding British solos skater at present is undoubtedly Robin Cousins. This 20-year-old son of a Bristol civil servant easily retained the men's title. He is now skating better than ever, and already has one international victory this season in Camada toder his bek. In the European championships in Surasbourg next is better this bek. In the European championships in Surasbourg next likely to come from two previous simplers, the Russian, Vizimir Kovalev, and the holder, Jan Hoffmann of East Germany.

His main opposition there is likely to come from two previous winners, the Russian, Vizimir Kovalev, and the holder, Jan Hoffmann of East Germany.

Kovalev won this year's world tife but was then suspended for 12 months by his own skating association, for indiscipline. However, that suspension is now "reported to have been reduced by half, which will put him back in contention. Cousins looks a better free skater, but will need to improve his compulsory figures if he is no hecome European champions in the fer skater, but will need to improve his compulsory figures if he is no hecome European champions in the fer skater, but will need to improve his compulsory figures if he is no hecome European champions in the fer skater at present is undoubtedly and athletic free skating enabled the too is worth considering.

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free skater, but will need to improve his compulsory figures if he is to become European champion.

Britain are entitled to send three more are send three. men to Strasbourg. Andrew Bestwick (Blackpool), deserves a place, for he beat Consins on the

figures last Wednesday and fin-ished second in the final results.

Snooker **Mountion** is

pulled up by referee

Williams.

Chailenger in 1978.

RESULTS: Final placings (women):

1. K. Richardson | Deeside, North
Wales: nine placements (180.12 pts):

2. D. A. Cottrill | Solthull: 20
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Club.; 34 (165.54): 6. C. R. Dunkeld
(Dunham: 53 (188.90). MEN'S CHAMPIONSNIP: R. Couchs (British, seven placements (143,76pts): 2. A. P. Bestwick (Blackpool): 14 135.84; C. C. C. Howarh (Richmond): 31 1116.56; PAIRS: 1. A. Beckwith and Miss R. Lindsey (Streatham), seven placements 199,04 pits: 3. R. Daw and Miss S. Garland (Bristol), 14 (94,81); 3, M., Stowart and Miss B. Stewart (Streat-ham), 21 (79,52).

Controversy flared again in the United Kingdom professional snooker championships at Blackpool yesterday when John Williams, the referee, pulled up Mountjoy in the fluai.

Williams, the senior tournament referee, ruled that Mountjoy had deliverately massed a shot at a group of reds to gain an unfair advantage and ordered him to play again. Mountjoy continued without comment but claimed at the end of the session that the decision had upset his game. out comment but claimed at the end of the session that the decision had upset his game.

He was leading 3-2 at the time against Fagan but finished the session 4-3 down, it is the first time a referee has called a professional foul in a major tournament fatal. The incident is the second of its kind in the championships. A similar dispute in midweek led to the banning and then reinstatement of Thorne: and a stormy departure from Blackpool by Thorne's opponent, Rex Thorne's opponent, Rex

Skiing

Men's slalom cancelled after dispute

Sansicario, Italy Dec 2.—The The world series men's giant slalom ski race scheduled to be held here today was cancelled after a dispute over statements that the track was dangerous. The Italian and French teams wanted the race to so sheed her ran to against the opposition of the powerful Austrian and Swiss contingents.

The Austrians and Swiss virtually boycotted yesterday's women's glant slalom on the same track. The French competitors, Perrine Pelen and Fabienne Serrat took first and second places in the event. Most of the Austrian and Swiss women refused to finish the course. Their complaints about rocks

on the track and too little snow were taken up by the men too zy, and most of the team leavers voted this morning for a concellation. Prance and Italy opposed the move.—Reuter.

For the record

Cycling ZURICH: International six-day
race: Sandings: 1 E. Merckx, P.
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ritz. five laps behind: 5. K. Sugdahl
D. Allan, five laps behind: 6. O.
Ritter, G. Frank, five laps behind:
7. G. Haritz, R. Mermenn, eight laps
behind; B. P. Medhursi, M. Burton,
eight laps behind: 9. H. Schuetz, H.
Hindelang, 12 laps behind. Tennis

JOHANNESBUNG: South Africas spon championships: Men's singles: First round: G. Vilas beat O. Parun, 1-6. 6-2. 7-5; R. Moore beat J. Barowiak, 6-1 7-5; J. Delancy beat I. Tirkac, 6-1, 6-5; M. Prinslod beat J. Fillol, 6-3, 6-1; F. McMillan beat M. Machette, 6-2, 6-3; R. Fleming beat C. Drysdelo, 6-2, 6-4; Second round: D. Buillvan beat R. Moore, 6-2, 6-3; S. Stiwath beat G. Rudman, 6-2, 6-3; Women's Singles: First round: G. Coles beat N. Richey, 7-6, 6-3; L. Boshof beat H. Estershner, 6-3, 6-3; Y. Vermaak beat G. Sammel, 6-3, 6-4; S. Wilsh beat R. Barten, 2-6, 7-6, 6-3;

6—3: T. Moure beat C. Mukherjea, 6—5: 6—5: R. Lewis beat W. Zirngib,

Show jumping BRUSSELS: First event: 1. R4
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Smith. Grafful. 56.7: 3. Eta van
Paesachen, Boulzicouri. 53:4: 4. P.
Darragh. Heather Honey, 59:0: 5. C.
Huysegoms, Kalapult. 60:9: 6. P.
Schockemohle, El Paso. 61:1: 7. F.
Mathy. Puck. 61:2: H. D. Broome.
Ballywillwill. 61:9.

Golf BURNHAM AND BARROW: Oxford University drew with Milifold 3—3.

Billiards CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand:
World open championship: A. Nolan
(England, beat G. Ganing Australia;
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boat B. Kirkness (NZ. 1.1353-866;
Nolan beat Kirkness, W. 1.1353-866;
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Wildman 1.019-758. Ice hockev NATIONAL LEAGUE: Buffalo Sabres 5, Manirsul Canadiens 1; Boston Bruins 4, Minnesola North Stars 2: Philadelphia Fiyars 4, Los Angeles

Year of achievement for Mexico's President

From Nicholas Parsons Mexico City, Dec 2

Twelve morths after coming power, President José Lopez Portillo of Mexico can claim to have brought inflation under control and restored inter-national confidence in his coun-

The former Finance Minister

December 1 last year at a time when Mexico was suffering rom the effects of the first peso devaluación in 22 years. That devaluation had been orced by rangway inflation, enormous public spending and balance of payments deficits, and excessive foreign borrowing. Confidence between Goveroment and business had broken down and there was a flight of capital out of Mexico. President Lopez Portillo has

proved a tough enocomic man-ager, and he has been helped

has been limited, Government

pending has been drastically

curbed and there has been a

more surprising when the President replaced two of his key economy ministers last month.

took over the presidency from ters is a sign of the cost of the recovery. The President's decimonetarist recovery guidelines laid down by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) brought inevitable inductrial stagnation and mounting unemployment. Trade union leaders have estimated that a third of the coun-

tev's 18 million workers are unemployed while millions more are under-empioyeu. The national growth rate is likely to be only 2 per cent this year, for the second successive year, and with the population growing at well over 3 per cent annually this means a fall in by increasing oil production.
Not only is inflation under
control, but foreign borrowing

per capita income, hitting the poorest sections of society hardest. Thus, according to reliable sources, the President has been

big improvement in the trade facing strong pressure within oner exchange treaty, and in his Cabinet for a Budget next spite of the continuing problem year to expand the economy of illegal Mexican immigrants and reduce some of the unemand reduce some of the unem-ployment. This faction was led by Senor Carlos Tello Macias, the Budget Minister, who has now gone.

But the "resignations" of The other faction, which the Finance and Budget Ministers is a sign of the cost of the recovery. The President's decilines, was led by Señor Julio Rodolfo Moctezuma Cid, now ousted from his post as Finance Minister.

The replacement of both men makes it difficult to predict how the Budget will look when it appears in the next month or weeks. But most qualified observers here expect the President to maintain a fairly tight grip in 1978.

Although the economy has been the main preoccupation of Senor Lopez Portillo's first year in office it has not been the only one. As soon as possible after assuming power he visited Washington to start restoring good relations with the United States,

This policy has led to a pris-

appear to be on the mend. Senor Lopez Portillo also took the historic step of restoring diplomatic relations with Spain, severed since Franco's forces won the Civil War, and he made a highly successful visit to Spain this autumn. The President has also

enthusiastically supported Mexico's fledgling family plansupported ning campaign—initiated reluct-antly by Senor Echeverria—and announced that his aim is to get the rate of population growth down to 2.5 per cent by the time he ends his term in 1982. The Government claims the rate has already been cut from 3.5 to 3.2 per cent, and if the trend continues it could be enormously important On oil—the President has

announced big expansion plans -to double production to more than two million barrels a day, half for export, by 1932; to double refining capacity; and to triple production of base petrochemicals. - Reuter.

stand for election

In a broadcast to the

science " General Banzer, who took

Yesterday's amouncement took most political circles by

surprise. Those close to General Banzer said that a power vacuum was being Opposition figures, however,

not be a candidate either. President Banzer said in his broadcast that he would go

on "working and struggling for dignity, freedom and justice". He had tried not only to change the state but also men's bethe state but also men's behaviour and mentality, but many of his important projects had been frustrated by selfishness and personal ambitions —Agence France-Presse. Pitch gives

away to the

English

nothing

Rawalpindi, Pakistan, Dec 2.—
England emerged with a draw but with little satisfaction from their opening tour match against the Pakistan Cricket Board Patron's XI here today.

On a hurriedly prepared pitch that became rain-affected before the start their batsmen were only able to concern themselves with survival and their bowlers learnt little of conditions that prevail generally in Pakistan. It was a wretched way to start the tour bearing in mind the first Test in Lahore is less than two weeks away.

The final day's play today started with Brearley declaring England's first innings at 64 for nine and then saw the Patron's XI

run up a second innings total of 118 for six.

England needed 206 to win in under two hours and they were 32 for one when the captains agreed to call a halt with seven of the final 15 overs still to go. In three days 26 wickets fell for 365 runs, an average of 14 runs a wicket.

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No one suffered more than Yorkshire captain, Boycott, who made only two in the first innings and was out for eight in the second when a ball from the left arm spin hower. Iqbal Qasim, nook off viciously from a good length. It was easy to sympathize with the admonishing look Boycott gave the pitch before he left.

Boycott's more considered reaction was to organize a net practice for the few hours that are available tomorrow morning before the team fly off to Faisalabad for the second tour match against a United Banks XI. The Patron's XI made a lazy start to their second innings this morning, mustering only 49 runs while losing two wickets in the pre-lunch period. Willis bowled an untidy opening spell of three overs but. Hendrick's final figures of two for 20 accurately reflected his control, but Edmonds, despite taking two for 31, received a quiet word from the manager. Ken Barrington, after the match about bowling a more economical line.

Perhaps the most encouraging feature of the England performance was the fielding which gave nothing away despite an uneven outfield. No one performed better in this department than Rose, who took a splendid diving catch off Hendrick and then ran out Haroon Rashid with a fine throw from the cover boundary.

PATRON'S XI: First limings, 151 (Shafique Ahmed 52, G. Millor 6 for 62).

Shafique Ahmed, l-b-w, b Old Mudasar Nazar, c Rose, b Heu-drick
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Mohsin Khan, b Edmonds Abdul Qadir, not out to the state of the same for the same

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I did not bet.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 3-28
FOS. 4-78, 5-79, 6-79
Bowling: Willis, 5-2-14-0; HenKt. 11-20-2; Old, 7-2-14

Packer match seems unreal with small crowds and no tension

From John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent wielbourne, Dec 2

He would never admit it, of course, but Kerry Packer must be a worried man tonight. When the first of his world series of matches between an Australian II and a West Indian XI started here this morning fower than 500 ere this morning fewer than 500 conle were present. At no time the day were there many more can 2,000, although when two cars ago the same two teams met na the Melbourne cricket ground, representing their countries as distinct from Mr Packer, 85,596 was the first-day crowd.

The indications are, at any rate in Melbourne, that Mr Packer has een badly advised. For £15,000 to could have played his Melhe could nave played my out-hourne marches on the Morralbin Oval, which is a genuine cricket ground not far from the city course and where a crowd of 20,000 would have menut a packed 20,000 would have meant a packed loanse. There might even have been a rush for tickets. Insteading the chose to pay more than 5,00,000 for the use of a distant mothall stadium, as vast as it is impersonal, plus the enormous set of constructing pitches on thick to play. The reason for this was that he expected to moup at the gate. Ian Chappell, main of Mr Packer's Australians, aid recently that the revolution aid recently that the revolution would have to be rated a success or a failure according to the rrowds it attracted. Yesterday Chappell said: "It's going to take a while to build this series up. It could take a season or more to get it going."

get it going."

Today it was like Wembley for the University football match, only more. To get a picture to appeal to would be advertisers of Mrocker's television network the didren were being herded to the head of the state of an hour's play it was additional embarrassment. How symmetric it was, time will tell. The state of the

The Australians, in their awful reliow caps, batted much as they have done throughout the last rear. Put in by Clive Lloyd (Gary Stbers had soun the coin. for which he is being paid several housands of pounds), the Australys lost McCusker to the second reli of the match and were soon for the Australian team playing the Australian team playing der Mr Packer's aegis and the lee flying the official flag in isbane came to 115 for 11, or for 115 as they say out here. A seventh-wicket partnership of 53 between Bright and Marsh, one of 68 for the ninth wicket hetween Bright and Lillee and of 49 for the last between Walker and Pascoc enabled the yellow caps to reach 256. It is bard to say how much their recovery was due to an easing up on the part of the West Indian bowlers. For the march to be over in three of the West Indian lowiers. For the match to be over in three days would never do and there was a time this afternoon when King was bowling at one end and Holford at the other. The absence

Watson on top

of the Rest

of the World

XI slumped to 186 all out in the

second of the Packer series country games. The Australians

were 184 for seven at the close of



Ducking: Greenidge's feathers ruffled by a bouncer

and nothing like so sports con-scious, the Woolloongabba ground was much less deserted for the of the same pressures that apply in Test matches and the presence or the same pressures that apply in Test matches and the presence of so few people on the ground meant, roo, that there was no tension at all. It seemed, and looked and sounded quite unreal.

From a technical point of view the best thing of the day was the bowling of Holding, his rhythm unimpaired by the shoulder injury which has allowed him to deliver only eight first-class overs since he took 14 wickets against England at the Oval in September, 1976. Today he had the wickets of Davis, both the Chappells and Hookes—Greg Chappell and Hookes for nought apiece, the former trying to get out of the way of a bouncer. Starting their runs alongside one of the large, rather grotesque Packer motifs, of ball and stumps, branded upon the outfield, Holding, Roberts and Daniel made, as they did in England a formidable trio.

The prefabricated with was was much less deserted for the start of the opening Test match between Australia and India. To round off a bad day for Mr Packer one of his chief officials resigned, giving it as his opinion as he did so that too many of his fellow administrators were tending to take too much for granted. One man and his wife, he said, referring to the bard work done by the Benauds, do not make a summer.

Australian XI: First innings
B. McCosker, c Richards, b
Roberts
C. Davis, hit wkt, b Holding
I. M. Chappell, c Danlet, b
Rolding
Chappell, c Fredericks, b
Holding Chappen. Holding. W. Hookes, b Holding D. Watters, c Holford. b Roberts W. Marsh, c Holding, b Danki J. Bright, c Greenidge, b berts Lilles, c Fredericks, b King H, Walker, c Richards, b

WEST INDIAN XI: First binings C. Fredericks, b Pascoe C. Greenidge, not out A. Holding, 1-b.w. b Pascoe Extras

Total (2 wkts) ... FALL OF WICKETS: 1—58, 2— BOWLING: Lillee, 5—1—31-24006, 4.7—2—26—2.

Bedi exposes limitations of Australian batsmen

trio.
The prefabricated pitch was slow, its bounce uneven. There were good catches by Richards at second slip and Daniel at square

leg. The umpires were Douglas Sang Hue (West Indies) and Jack Collins, who retired from Test umpiring in the middle of the last

umpiring in the manue of the last proper series between Australia and West Indies when Clive Lloyd, the West Indies of him. Of the strokes played, the most spectacular was a hook for six by Lillee off Holding, but because it made so much more of a whimper than a hang it was nor a day. I imagine.

a bang it was not a day, I imagine, that the players will much have enjoyed.

In the city of Brisbane, one third of the size of Melbourne

Brisbane, Dec 2.—The left-arm spin bowling of the Indian captain, Bishen Bedi, wrecked Australia's batting on the opening day of the first Test match here today. Australia siid to 166 all out, weakening the inv in official cricket Rockhampton, Queensland, Dec -Graeme Watson made a sensacional start to his career as a Herry Packer cricketer, destroying the Rest of the World XI batting circles about what appears a vote of confidence in official Tests from the Australian public. being drafted into the Packer troupe as a last-minute replace-ment for the lojured Ian Redpath. Watson took seven for 26 for the Australian XI as the World

Nearly 9,000 people turned up here on a damp, showery day com-pared to less than 3,000 to see the start of Kerry Packer's world series 1,500 miles way the start of kerry Packer's worm series 1,500 miles way
Bedl took five wickets for 55 and only a brave 82 from Toohey saved Simpson's new-look Test team from a complete collapse. By close of play, India had scored 13 for one. Bedi, released by his English county, Northamptonshire two mouths ago because of declining form, found the drying pitch responsive to spin.

After Simpson had won the toss rain curtailed the morning's play but between lunch and tea the Australians stumbled from 33 for two to 122 for eight. Then Toohey dominated a last-wicker stand of 34 before being stumped off Bedi.

But in the closing stages Thom-

were 184 for seven at the close of the first day. Only 1,000 people turned up to warch as the circus came to this tropical country town ipopulation 50,000 to provide the locals with a rare glimpse of big-time cricket.

The South African, Barry Richards, scored a brilliant 93 and the powerful World team hooked set for a big score against a side, regarded as second string to the one playing in the "super-test" at Melbourne.

Then Richards was caught off Watson going for a big hir and Then Richards was caught off Watson going for a big hit and the World team collapsed dramatically from 135 for three, with Watson taking the last seven wickets in only 39 deliveries.

Martin Kent scored 58 and Trevor Chappell—the younger brother of Ian and Gregg—cored 45 as the Australians steadily moved towards a first-innings lead.

Scores: Rest of the World 184 34 before being stumped off Bedi.

But in the closing stages Thomson produced enough speed off the pitch to give the Indian batsmen some casticty for tomorrow. He kept the hasmen ducking and waaving from the start, rapping Vengsarkar painfully on the groin and was unlucky not to get Vengsarkar out when Simpson dropped a hard chance at slip.

Thomson's partner, Clark, broke SCORES: Rest of the world 1RA off, A. Richards 95, 6 Witson 7 for 1261; Australia NI, 184 for 7 with M. Kent 98). Thomson's partner, Clark, broke through before bad light ended

play 45 minutes early. Clark had Gavaskar caught close to the wicket by Cosier for three. This eventful six-over spell encouraged Simpson who predicted that tomorrow morning's play could be crucial. He defended his decision crucial. He defended his decision to but first, saying: "I thought the pitch would take spin late in the game, so I had no choice". Bedi's skill exposed the limitations of nu Australian side des-Members of the cricketing public are railying round the Test and County Cricket Board and the International Cricket Conference, faced with costs of around 5200,000 after last week's High Court judgment. About 80 letters have been received at Lord's in support of official cricket.

Peter Lush, a board spokesman parately short of top-level experience—at one stage he had figures of three for six.

AUSTRALIA: First innings
P. Hibbert, c Kirmani, b Amarratit 23
C. Coccie c Kirmani, b Amarratit 23
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C. Serjeant, c Gavaskar, b Badi 28
C. Serjeant, c Gavaskar, b Badi 28
R. Simpson, c Gavaskar, b Bedi 39
P. Toohey, st Kirmani, b Basi 32
R. Mann, I-b-w, b Madan Laj 39
vS. Rixon, c Almaratit, b Red 39
vS. Rixon, c Almaratit, b Red 39
W. Glark, c Gavaskar, b Change-sating. ekhar Thomson, b Chandrasekhar Hurst, not out Extras (b 3, I-b 1, w 1)

Total Total 1-24, 2-33, 3-34, 4-43, 5-49, 6-61, 7-107, 8-112, 9-132, 10-160, 7-107, 8-04, 112, 9-132, 10-160, 13-4, 13-2; Madan Lai, 10-3-27-1; Bedi, 13-3-5-5: Prazanna, 4-2-20; Chandragethar, 6-1-34-2.

Extras,

Total (1 wkt)

O R. Viswansih, E. Patel, A. V.
Manikad, Madah Lai, S. M. H. Kirmani. E. A. S. Presanca, E. S. Bodi.
S. S. Chandrasokhar, S. Venkalarephavan to hat. FALL OF WICKET: 1—11. BOWLING (to data): Thomson -3—0; Clark, 3—1—10—1.—

Two thirds of the First division way towards half a Davis Cup

But even after Tony Roche's 6—3, 6—4, 6—4 win over Adriano Panotta and John Alexander's 6—2, 8—6, 4—6, 6—2 victory over Corrado Barazzatti, che Australian non-playing captain, Neale Praser, is not celebrating yet. "Naturally, I'm very happy, but the cup is not won yet", he said.

the first game of the second set and was soon two sets up. He then weathered a rally by Panatta in

After today's performances by the Australians, it is long odds on their capturing the trophy for the 17th time since the war. They could well clinch victory tomor-

A part of the historic Davis Cup, valued at \$250,000, was missing and believed stolen on the evo of the final. The loss of a heavily scrolled silver leaf from the base of the trophy was discovered today at the official draw.

have been received at Lord's in support of official cricket. Peter Lush, a board spokesman, said yesterday: "We have received a number of letters and donations since last Friday. All the letters are being acknowledged and the money is being placed in a special account to go towards the costs." Some of the donations reaching Lord's are between £50 and £100. In Melbourne a senior administrator with Kerry Packer's world series resigned today because he was unhappy with the running of the series. John Curtain, aged 37, who was world series cricket assistant manager (administration), said that there were two few people running the series and some of them had no knowledge of the sport. "They don't understand cricket—that's their problem", Mr Curtain told reporters.

Weekend fixtures

Aberdeen & Motherwell

THENIAN LEASUE: Burnham Harestold United (2.15): Chency v Labridge (2.15): Estin & Bereder v Chalfont St. Refer: Grais Athletic v Mariow: Hoddesden v Rednill; Kingsburg v Haringey Harengh (2.15): Legeno-Winagdo v Edouare; Windsoe & Elon v Ruisip Masor. NORTHERN LEAGUE: South Bank v Ashington: North Shinds v Whitley Bay: Penrith v Horden.

Auckland.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Promier divisim: Aberbione v Harnet; Reddilch v
wormaunt; Yeorti r Nunearda. First
division: North: Cerby v Oswestry;
Siltion Kopnes v Bedwicht: Tunworth
v Citocreier Witney Town v Stourbridge. South: Christophy v Townbridge. Growicy V Eriesburge Dorcreise: Schoburge v Tonbridge;
Vanton v Addisone; v Tonbridge;

Vanton v Addisone; v Tonbridge;

Directors of Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspor met yesterday to discuss the development of the Alexandra Palace complex for joint use by both clubs. Arsenal's chairman, D. J. C. Hill-Wood, is fourth on the right and facing him is Tottenham's chairman, S. A. Wale.

Curtains are waiting to be closed

While the Football Association continue to innerview candidates for the position of England manager and Ron Greenwood returns from holiday, the formality of elimination from the World Cup is not quite complete. But by nightful today Italy should have closed the curtains on England's last dim hopes. closed the curtains on England's last dim hopes.

This afternoon Italy must beat Luxembourg to qualify for Argentina and there is no real doubt that they will succeed against the weakest country in the group. Better for England not to believe in fantasy. Italy are the best of the four, although it was evident at

four, although it was evident at Wembley that even their standards may not be sufficiently high to carry their success through the more testing matches of the final

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Once England are indisputably dismissed the Football Association will be free to produce a manifesto that is expected to cover many aspects of the game's future at all levels of play and administration. There will also be a clean state as far as the new manager is concerned, and the FA say that their choice could be known next week. Mr Greenwood is back from Spain but another candidate, Bobby Robson, takes his team to Barcelona next week. The "carriaker" is in his house and that could be a hint.

One of the managers still to be interviewed is Brian Clough, of Nottingham Forest. He was thrust at the FA by weight of

Rome, Dec 2.—Luxembourg do not fancy their chances of gain-ing the win or draw here tomor-

Ing the win or draw here tumorrow which would stop litaly and
send England to the World Cupfinals. They would prefer to see
litaly rather then England, win the
European group two and go
through to Argentina.

"When we played England in
London, the referee gave aspensity
that wasn't one and sent off one
of our players who had never
even been booked before", the
Lorembourg manager, Gilbert
Legrand said.

"We'll be happy to see Indy

Legrand said.

"We'll be happy to see Indy quality. If we can hold them like we did England in Loxenbourg, when we lost just 2-0, we'll resard that as a success."

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The part-timens of Luxembourg have conceded 19 goals in their five qualifying materies so far. Italy, without their injured captain Facchetti, will field an attaching formation to make sure of the yictury they need to reach the finals.

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victory they need to reach fire finals.
Facchetd, who has azmounced he will quit playing at the end of this season, pulled a leg muscle at Wembley Stadium in London on November 16 in the World Cup qualification match Italy lost to England 0—2. The 35-year-old defender and Mozzini were judged here as key elements in that defeat—too slow for the speed the English displayed.

A full house is expected at Rome's Olympic stadium to cheer on the new sweeper, Manfredonia, a bright young prospect from

on the new sweeper, Maniredonia, a bright young prospect from Lazio who takes Facchetti's place for an international first appearance in from of his home crowd. To broaden play out to the wings, the centre back Mozzini, has been left out of the team. Gentile takes over in the centre of the defence and Cuccureddu comes in to add another attacking full back to Raly's side.

A one-goal victory will see Italy through but their manager Euro Bearzot, wants an emphatic performance from his side after their dismal display in losing 2—0 to

Blackburn v Crystal Palace

Glackpool v Brighton

Second division

Italy strengthen attack

to make sure of victory

headlines which were supposed to reflect popular accisine but it is most unlikely that he will consider an offer if his colleague, Peter Taylor, is not permitted to be his lieutenant. For the moment Nottingham people seem confident that their petitions will persuade him to stay and enjoy the domestic pleasures of chasing the championship tifle. Ironically, today could be Korest's last at the top of the first division for a while.

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They visit Blamingham City holding a one point lead over Everton the team who have played 19 league and cup matches without defeat. Everton will be at Chelsea and should take two points. The only doubt is the thought that Chelsea beat Nottingham Forest at Stamford Bridge early last mouth. Chelsea's youngsters sometimes offer stimulating football but there is a frallty that was seen again last week when they lost 6—2 to Manchester City. Their home matches tend to be low scoring. Indeed, they have not conceded a goal at Stamford Bridge for four games but equally they have scored only seven at home all season. This afternoon they recall the veteran flartis because Graham Wilkins is suspended. Everton are unchanged and likely to be unjudding.

With Coventry. City and West Bromwich Albion both at home there is little chance of Liverpool getting ahead of them and back into a challenging position this weekend, but they should beat West Ham United at Anfield. Fairclough and Dalglish have recovered from knee injuries.

England at Wembley last month.
"We've got to give a good demonstration of both force and good football", he said, adding with characteristic caution: "It's a match that could be difficult, seeing that Lutenmourg will play a closed game."

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Luxembourg will be without their best striker. Braum, who scored against Italy last year. He was left out of Legrand's squad for disciplinary reasons. The injured Monacelli is also ruled out.

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The Luxembourg teem which includes just two professionals: Philipp, the captain, who plays for the Belgian Club Royal Juion, and Dussler (PC Lelle), will have the task of containing the Italian strikers, Bettega—who has scored.

Peterborough's

Peterborough weathered a first Peterborough weathered a first-haif onslaught and then gave. Traumere a lesson in finishing to win at Prenton Park.

Traumere pressed down on the Peterborough goal throughout the first haif but failed to make the breakthrough with Barron making one fine save from Alien. In the 46th mititute Peterborough went shead with a header by Doyle following a long throw-in and two

The two remaining league representatives in the Uefa Cup, Ipswich Town and Aston Villa, will

resentatives in the Uefa Cup, Ipswich Town and Aston Villa, will
be amtious to use today as preparation for next Wednesday's
matches against Barceloma and
Athletic Bilbao respectively. They
are playing each other at Portman Road.

Ipswich's first leg against Barcelona was easier than they expected and towards the end they
felt sufficiently confident to risk
sending on Viljoen when they felt
sufficiently confident to risk sending in Viljoen who had not played
for 25 months. Viljoen's long
absence with several leg injuries
had restricted their range of ideas
and his return could help them
face the trials of climbing out of
the first division's middle reaches.
Viljoen plays his first full senior
match since October, 1975 today
and hopes to play in Spain next
week. There Ipswich start with a
3-0 advantage. Villa, who lead
Bilbao by '2-0, will rest their
young forward: Deehan, and Cropley is injured.

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Injuries to players at Manchester
United have contributed to the
uncomfortable start of David Sexton's career at Old Trafford but
his name is still among those
being put forward as candidate
for a part-time position with England. He has to overcome another
disruption today because Buchan
was hurt in training this week and
misses the home game with Wolverhampton Wanderers. It will be
remembered at Old Trafford that
the absence of Buchan from the
defence previously led to disorder.

lesson in finishing

following a long throw in and two minutes later Turner forced home the second.

and Dussier (FC Lelie), will have the task of containing the Italian strikers, Bertega—who has scored eight goals in the Qualifying series—and Graziani.

If Italy qualify, they will become the 15th country to make sure of their place in the World Cup finals. The only other group still to be decided is the Airican zone where either Egypt or Turnisia can go through.

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Brentford deserved their win but the result only became a reality with two goals in the last five minutes. Darlington went

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in national interest By Peter West Rugby Correspondent Thanks largely to the initiative

Rugby Union

Thanks largely to the initiative and determination of Dickle Jeeps, then their president, the Rugby Football Union decided last season to inaugurate a system of inter-regional and interdivisional marches leading through one final national trial, to the Englant side. through one rusa hadded that, to the England side.

The first fruits of that decision will be apparent this afterdoon, and by Monday morning we should know-more or less—how the best sixty players in the country are shaped up for London v North and South West v Midlands in the divisional encounters next Saturday. There will of course be a few players, second best in their division, but arguably superior to rivals elsewhere, who

a few players, second best in their division, but arguably superior to rivals elsewhere, who might still figure in the argument later on.

This new programme, coming as it does towards the end of the county championship, places a continuing burden on the tog clubs, but if the experiment produces a strong and successful England side they may consider that the national interest has been well served, and that their present secrifices have not been made in vain.

vain.

On a day when individual rather than corporate performance comes under the microscope it looks as if the so-called South XV, made up almost totally the so-call ance comes under the microscope it looks as if the so-called South XV, made up almost totally of Bristoi and Gloucester players, has the easiest ride. In the longer term the main interest at Exetermay lie in the achievements of Steve Lewis. the Ebbw Vale scrum-half, is elimin the weaker pack and of John Scott, the England under-23 captain and lock now picked as a member of that pack at No 8.

Michael Beese, a Bath and former England centre, who was to have captained the south west side, has dropped out with a back injury. His place goes to David Course, of Maidenhead, and it is good to see his flourishing, up and coming club getting recognition of this sort.

At Esher, where London North take on London South, it seems probable that the selectors will be focusing special interest on the losse forwards in general. In that area we have at No 8 an interesting tosale between, if he will pardon the expression, the old guard, Ripley, and a younger Rosslyn Park pretender to that position, Mantell. This means that Bignell, who has been in imposing fettle for Kent and Blackheath at No 8, is playing on a flank where the competition from men like Mordell, Cooke and Alexander in particularly keen.

The northern game at Heatingley produces what looks like an important tussie at half-back—old and Young versus John Hotom and Smith. Who will be the better full-back here, Caple-1 or Guilick? Can Burke, an outstanding England 19 group centre last season, now mount a further step on the ladder? There has been one change in the roothern ream.

ing England 19 group centre last season, now mount a further step on the ladder? There has been one change in the northern team. Archer being replaced on the wing by Yorkshire's Bennett.

If one takes for granted that Cooper will be the Middands' stand-off next week—his sparkling running in that relevised bonauza last Sunday seems to have impressed even his severest critics—then one of the questions to be resolved at Coventry is whether he retains his club partnership with Clifford. Gifford is a gifted runner, but the younger and most promising Peck may give him a good run for his money today.

Adey or Jeavons at No 8? Hare or Rossborough at full-back? How strongly can the lock. Wilkinson, or Geoffrey Ferns a British Line.

or Rossborough at full-back? How strongly can the lock. Wilkinson, or Geoffrey Evans, a British Lions centre in 1974, reemphasize a claim to higher levels? To what extent can the Leicester flankers, Forfar and Smith, make a teiling mark?

Peter Wheeler, captain designate of the East XV. has withdrawn with a shoulder injury, his place going to Howe, of Bedford. If Wheeler is fit for his divisional side uext week, then Cox, now his likeliest understudy in national terms, must be unlucky. But Cox should be seen again in the January trial.

Whiting plays first game

Rosslyn Park, involved in one of three London Merit Table matches today, have Treseder ar full back for the first time in eight weeks as a result of a foot liqury. Wasps, Park's opponents, are without their half backs, Ball and Conner, who are in the trials. Peter Whiting, a New Zealand lock who has rejoined Harlequins this season, plays against Blachheath at the Rectory Field and another New Zealander, Gary Senior, makes his first appearance for the club at No 8.

Rugby League John Player Competition Semi-final rount: Widnes v Bradford Northern (2.30) First Division

Lacrosse

Rugby League
First Division: Hull v Branier;
New Hunsle; v Devishury (3.30); Saiford v Castleford: Warrington v Walofield T: Workington T v St Helma
(3.30); Balloy v Halliax (2.50);
Blackpool B v Whitehaven (2.50); Doncaster v Euddersheld (2.50); Hundelv Rochadol H (2.50); Keighley v Leich
(3.15)

LONDON LEAGUE: Beckenham v
Chaban; Cambridge University v Black.
Homaslow v Black.
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Television highlights

BBC 1
Football: Preview (12.20)
Racing: Chepstow races at 1.0, 1.30, 2.0, 2.30
Snooker: Blackpool tournament (1.10, 2.10, 4.0)
Squash: Wembley tournament (1.40)
Rallycross: Lydden meeting (2.40, 4.20)
Rugby Léague: Widnes v Bradford promotion (4.0)
Football: Match of the Day (10.5)
Football: Rig Match (2.0)

BBC 2—tomerrow Rugby Union: Scotland B v Ire-land B (4.50)
IBA —tomorrow races at 1.30, 2.0, 2.30, 3.0; Market Rasen races at 1.45, 2.15, 2.45
Darts: World Mesters, Wembley (3.10)
Wrestling: Bradford promotion (4.0)
Football: Match of the Day (10.5)
Football: Rig Match (2.0)

Norfolk's solid defence will set problems for Ipswich

By Sydney Friskin Weekend hockey is dominated by club matches, many of which are being played tomorrow in the national club champlonship, ponsored by Rank Nerox. One of the more attractive games is the one at Crune's, lp-with, where the home dub are meeting Norfolk Wanderers in the quarter-final round of the castern division. round of the eastern division.

In the Ipswich side are several players who belped Suffolk in the county championship, including Knight who seems to have receivered from the back injury which forced him to retire from Sulfolk's game against Bedfordhire a fortnight aco, Ipswich will rely on him to convert their short corners. Nortolk Wanderers, well stocked also with county players, have a sound defence which Ipswich will find difficult to penetrate.

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chire, who are trying to regain the national title, have several players who have played at county riavers wan nave played at county and divisional level. It is difficult to see their equilibrium being disturbed by Shiftnal, the champlons of Shropshire. Bournville, the Worcestershire champions, hope to have Mallett fit for their match against Stone.

Progress has been more rapid in the western area where the semi-final stage has been reached. Isca and Mariborough should be involved in a close and lively match, but Moriands, the Somerset champions, should easily beat West Gloucester.

The nicture in the northern

The picture in the northern area is still somewhat compilcated in that the winners of the Northumberland Cup and Cheshire Cup have still to emerge. In the southern area there is no activity, because the semi-final round—Southgate v Guildford; Slough v Boakheath—has been postponed to next Sunday. No date has yet been fixed for the final.

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Bedfordshire Eagles, who have taken a few knocks in the premier division of the East League, travel to Cambridge to play Cambridge Cup probables—won the last match in their pool at the Nehru lockey tournament here today, match in their pool at the Nehru lockey tournament here today, match in their pool at the Nehru lockey tournament here today, match in their pool at the Nehru lockey tournament here today, final round. They beat Indian Airlines 3—2. This gave them five points from four matches—the did last week.

In the midlands, Nottinghamble repain the national title, have several final round on goal average. BSF and England go into the semi-final round on goal average. In the semi-final round tomor-row. England will play the Hockey Federation's Dark Blues, the front rank team of World Cup probables and winner of the first pool. In the other semi-final match BSF will play Central Reserve Police Force.—Reuter.

Tennis

Sydney, Dec 2.—Australia took two long steps towards winning the Davis Cup when they won both singles on the opening day of the final against Italy here today.

But even after Tony Roche's

Roche gave Panatta no time to settle down in the first match and raced through the first set in just over half an hour. His strong service and readiness to come to the net seemed to throw the ladian completely out of stride. Roche broke Panatta's service in

the third.

Birmingham v Nottm Forest Chelsea v Everton Bristol Rovers v Hull City...... Coventry v Bristol City...... Cardiff v Sheffield Utd (2.15).... Derby ▼ Manchester City Charlton ▼ Sunderland Ipswich v Aston Villa Futham v Bolton Leeds v Q P Rangers Luton v Burnley Liverpool v West Ham United .. Notts County v Stoke..... Manchester Utd v Wolves Oldham v Millwall Middlesbrough v Arsenal Orient v Mansfield Newcastle v Leicester...... Tottenham H v Southampton

West Brom Albion v Norwich.... Scottish first division Scottish premier division Clydebank v Rangers (p) Duadee Utd v Ayr Hibernian v Celtic (p) Partick Th v St Mirren (p) Stirling A. v. Queen of C (p)

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Oxford Utd v Shrewsbury Swanses v Northamston ally v Hampstend: Purity v Kenton. Oxford Utd v Shrewsbury Swanses v Northampton Tomorrow Plymouth v Bury Watford v Halifax Preston NE v Portsmouth York City v Torquay Rotherham v Wrexham Sheffield Wed v Colchester Hockey

Rugby Union

Kilmarnock v Dundee Regional Matches Club Matches

Stirling A v Queen of C (p)

Scottish second division
Albion Rov v Berwick (p)
Brechin v Stranger (p)
Clyde v Meadowbank (p)
Cowdenbeath v Stenhousemur
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Falkirk v Raith (p)
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in US after being sold for record sum

Bertram Firestone, a property dealer from Virginia, paid 154,000 guineas for the 1,000 Guineas winner, hirs McArdy, at the Newmarket December sales yesterday. This was a record price for any horse in training ever sold in this norse in training ever sold in this country, beating the 136,000 guineas fetched by Vaguety Noble 10 years ago at the same sales, the bidding started at 80,000 guineas as Mrs McArdy, looking ter debonair best, stepped aumily around the ring. The action finally resolved feet into ter debonate best stepped auntily around the ring. The action finally resolved itself into dual between Mr Firestone and fom Cooper, of the British Blood-tock Agency (Ireland) who was

Mrs McArdy will be flown to be United States where she will come be racing at Hialean under he supervision of Mr Firestone's rainer. Learoy Jolley In 1979 Ars McArdy will be mated with lonest Pleasure, the property ealer's own stallion who was hampion American two-year-dd 1975.

Air Firestone's green and which

was caused by Reine Dagobert, a six-year-old mare offered in foal for formers. Pleasure, the property ealer's own stallion who was hampion American two-year-old 1975.

Mr Firestone's green and white slours are well known in both original and Ireland. King's Common, Red Alert, and this season's ibblesdale Stakes winner, Nantious, are but three of his horses in both countries.

Sired by Tribal Chief, Mrs icAroy is yet another representive of the prepotent male line; Nearco. Her sale to the United Intes is another example of the intimula loss of our best bloodaes from these islands.

Mrs McArdy was bred by Lord rimthorpe. She raced in the ilours of Mrs Edith Kettlewell, a delicr from Aysgarth, and was alted at Flaxton by Michael isterby. The filly's speed should ake her ideally suited to the merican courses.

"Slic'll not be beaten over ere." Easterby said, "that is

of course if they can manage to train the filly. But I've given them a few hims ", the trainer added with a grin. Mrs McArdy has a reputation for liking to race on her own, wide of her field, so it will be inneresting to see how site fares in America where the races are run at breakneck sace throughout

the races are run at breaknets pace throughout.
Although the sale of Mrs McArdy aroused great excitement, there was nowhere near the electric atmosphere surrounding the auction of Vaguely Noble in 1967. Everyone in the crowded ring that hiters avening was sware that a biter evening was aware that a potentially great horse was coming on the market. If the 1968 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner had passed through the ring yesterday, the sky would have been the limit. Apart from Mrs McArdy the final day's only other excitement was caused by Reine Dagobert, a six-year-old mare offered in foal

Gala Lad lands substantial gamble on the Tote

Gala Larl, a horse who is blind one eye, was the medium of a att gamble at Market Rasen yesteday, for, although the Jack redy-trained winner of the White can Selling Hurdle was returned a favourite on the book, the Tete Id out a win dividend of 5-1 i. "There was a lot of money the horse off-course", said a se spoke-man.

the last flight to be chased home by Take Alm. a further seven lengths away. There was considerable interest in the three-year-old at the auction and Hardy had to go to 1,300 guineas to retain him. There will be few better finishes this season than that produced by the first division of the Harea-Carc Long Distance Novices' Hurdle, in which John O'Neill was seen as his strongest in winning on 7-4 on favourite. Good Joh, in a pattle of short heads with Airparts Flyer and Blou Hemel. ite spokesman. Gala Lud, ridden by Nigel Tinkr, won by three quarters of a night from King of Swing, the or having drawn right away from

Mrs McArdy to race | Alverton to extinguish Beacon Light

Peter Easterby, the trainer of the champion hurdler, Night This is by no means a twonurse, and Sea Figeon, can rapture the Mescal Bookmakers Handicap Hurdle with Alverton this afternoon. John O'Neill, with only a shight limp to show for its man's Cot and Hardy Turk are also expected to go well. only a slight limp to show for his fall on Sea Pigeon in the Colonial Cup last Saturday, will be riding Mrs Stanhope Joel's seven-yearold. Alverton will be out to atone ing to grief at the first flight in this race two seasons ago.

Alverton is as tough as teak. The witner of seven races on the flat in 1976, the gelding was pay-ing the penalty for those successes last season. Easterby started to think that Alverton might, be loo-ing some of his enthusiasm after

so many hard races. But an easy victory over some moderate oppo-nents in a hurdle race at Doncaster seems to have given him a new lease of life, as Alverton battled his heart out when chasing home Kybo in the Black and White Whisky Hurdle at Ascot a fortmant see Whisky Hurdle at Ascot a fortmight ago.

Alverton should certainly have
the bearing of Peterhof, who
finished six lengths behind him in
third place. The gamble of the
race, however, has been on the
top weight, Beacon Light, who
looked so impressive when
accounting for Night Nurse and
Dramatist at Newbury. But the
form is slightly suspect as the
champion hurdler was considered
to be in need of that race, Judged
on indirect lines of form spread

Sandown Park programme

[Television (IBA): 1.30, 2.0, 2.30 and 3.0 races]

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1.0 POND STEEPI,ECHASE (Handicap: £2,148: 3m 118yd)

5 430-423 Lags Forward (Sir J. Thomson), R. Armytags, 11-11-4

6 P11831- Absercomble (A. Clapperton), D. Gendelfe, B-11-2 B. J. Evans

10 1070-23 Servything (D. Sanigs), D. Nicolson, 6-10-31. R. Mangan

15 20114-2 Denble Bridal (G-D) (Major-Gengral Sir J. 4'Avigdor-Goldsmid),

14 31-04-2 Bear's Paw (G. Bariow), Bariow, 6-10-8. R. F. Davies

15 3163-42 Pm Smart (E. Cotunge), Coimags, 10-10-6. R. F. Webber

19 0p. Shames Castle (Mrs. J. Duffy), J. Duffy, 10-10-1. C. Brown 5

5-C. Double Bridal, 3-1 Lags Forward, 9-2 Abercromble, 5-1 Everything, 6-1

Tim Smart, 10-1 Sear's Paw (S.-1 Shames Castle).

1.30 HENRY VIII STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £1,604: 24m 68yd)

2.0 MECCA BOOKMAKERS' HURDLE (Handicap: £7,044: 2m)

The Hartford (D) (B. Shine), B. Swift, 6.10-0, P. Richards, 314 241-227 Maryfiskeni (C-D) (Miss L. Smith), D. Kent, 5-10-0 A. Webb 315 003027 Swidt (C-D) (Miss L. Smith), D. Kent, 5-10-0 A. Webb 316 003027 Swidt (R. Ledger), Ledger, 4-10-0 Mrs N. Ledger 19-1 Bestom Light, 7-3 Alverton, S-I Peterhef, Royal Charley, 10-1 Narribland, 12-1 Hardy Turk, 14-1 Fisherman's Cot. 16-1 The Hertford, Vallant Charger, 20-1 Regent's Garden, 33-1 others.

2.30 MECCA BOOKMAKERS' STEEPLECHASE (Handicap:

306 1301-02 Regent's Garden (D) (Mrs M. Blackmore). L. Kennard.

310 40444-2 Figurermans Cot (D) (W. Townsend), Mrs E. Kenna.

also expected to go well. But this £10,000 prize should become a duel in which Alverton's battling qualities will be trying to himt Beacon Light's redoubtable men of foot. I shall rely on my reports of Alverton's well being.

The supporting Mecca Book-makers Handleap Steeplechase promises to be a real thriller. All four runners hold sound chances and anything may happen as these quick two-milers hurl themselves at these tightly packed fences. The race will become a battle of Incitics. The course specialists. Tingle Creck and Grangewood Girl, are both front runners, and Tree Tangle and Perambulate will be biding their, time in order to use their finishing speed over the last two fences. Both horses have been known to have their of been known to have their off days, but both won last time out, as did Tingle Creek and Grange-wood Girl. wood Girl.

Will Tingle Creek and Grangewood Girl cut each other's
throats, or will they break the
hearts of their patient opponents?
There are any number of permutations, so-l am going for Grangewood Girl who may be the outsider of this talented little band.
Mrs Ann Finch's mare ran the
tace of ber life when just failing
to heat Skymas in the National

two races for David Nicholson There is a proliferation

over two seasons, there should be little between the pair today.

This is by no means a two-borse affair. Derek Kent's two funners, Royal Charley and Nardon to beat today.

A simpler problem seems to be ribbinal, both useful povices last both useful povices last both useful povices last both more dangerous.

Hunt Two Mile Champion opportunities for the younger generation of steeplechasers this march if the can recapture that ability Grangewood Grif will be hard to beat today.

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Winter stated publicly before Accelerate's victory over Bedford Lodge at Newbury that John Henderson's three-year-old was the only horse with as much possible talent in his yard. The trainer's opinion having so far been vindicated, Nicky Henderson, Winter's assistant trainer, should ride his father's horse to victory today.

The Sandown executives must be gnashing their teeth with rage at the poor turn-out for the Henry VIII Novices' Steeplechase. The four best horses in the field have been withdrawn. Havamus and Trustful are going to Market Rasen where they should win the Chase Novices' Steeplechase, and the Stanley Tools Novices' Steeplechase qualifier, respectively.

Winter's Snow Flyer is making his eagerly awaited responsance in the Phoenica Steeplechase at Chepstow. And finally to make the clerk of the course raise his hands in utter despair, Tony Dickinson's quick jumping novice, True Wish, was unable to be given a final gallop on the frozen ground at Gisburn and will have to wait for Wetherby on Tuesday. In their absence, this race should fall to Prebitas, successful in his last two races for David Nicholson. There is a proliferation of

403 427-41 Grangewood Girl (J. Chartton), Mrs A. Finch, 8-11-10 J. O'Neill 103-321 Trea Tangie (C-O) (Mrs C. Williams), R. Turnoff, 8-11-5. Turnell 404 231211 Perambulate (Mrs D. Moets), D. Barons, 8-11-1 J. King 15-8 Tree Tangie, 5-1 Tingle Creek, 7-2 Perambulate, 5-1 Grangewood Girl.

00240-0 Listercombe (Lord Vestey), D. Nicholson, 6-21-9 . A. Webb 0012-0 Winslow Bay (C. Speacer), A. Nicholson, 6-21-9 . A. Webb 1000-00 Opticapeony (B. Courage), Courage, 7-11-7 . A. Webb 22000-9 Eghting Taffy (C) (P. Uptm), Uptm, 10-11-7 P. Burgeb 0-31422 Jan Stawer (Mrs R. Whitovery, J. Cifford, 7-11-2 R. Chample 64010-1 Foolkome (C) (L. Bowman), Sowman, 5-11-1 . N. Holman 13-30 Timjon Rixim (Mrs A. Wates), A. Wates, A. Males, A

103410- The Sam Later (H. Gould), F. Walwyn, 4-10-0 R. Goldst 4-2 Reins Baau (M. Vine), E. Bosson, 7-10-0 R. Goldst 003-000 Setsn Power, (Rockhouse Stud). Mrs E. Kennard, 4-10-0 P. Richard

003-000 Settle Fower, Indiana P. Hitcharus S. Smith-Ectles S. Smith-Ectles S. Smith-Ectles

3.0 CHRISTMAS ROSE HURDLE (3-y-0: £1,772: 2m)

The the Wink is not exactly a novice, having won the Arkie Challenge Trophy last season. But Michael Simmonds's seven-year-Michael Simmonds's seven-year-old is still comparatively inexperi-enced. Tip the Wink led the Black and White Whisky Gold Cup field at a furious gallop before fading out to finish fifth. But talented animal that Tip the Wink is, he may be better later in the season. I am going for Kas, who was brought down by Ballet Lord at the last fence at Doncaster when both horses were clear of the field. Kas was in the top flight of young hurdlers last season and may be too goud for Tip the Wink at a difference of 7lb. Finally Fulke Walwyn's rejurenated eight-year-old Zellaman can record his third victory in succession by delying a 5lb penalty in the Ladbroke Hurdle.



Gold Cup rivals meet Irish-trained Cheltenham Gold Cup contenders are in opposition at Fairyhouse in the £3,000 added three mile Silk Cut Steeplerhase. They are Bannow Rambler, Brown Lad and Davy Lad.



Victory in sight: Tiepolino (right) takes the last with

"This could be my last winner", Ken Bailey, the Brackley
trainer, said after Shifting Gold,
artistically ridden by Michael
Dickinson, came again to defeat
Ghost Writer by one length and
a half in Sandown's Ewell Handicap Steeplechase yesterday. "I
am handing over to my son Kim.
He applied for the licence on Saturday", Bailey said, adding: "I
am very sorry in some ways but
I will be around if he wants any
advice."
Bailey continued: "Shifting

I will be around it he wants any advice."

Bailey continued: "Shifting Gold will go for the National, he's the right type for Liverpool. We decided to visit Sandown last season for the Whitbread Gold Cup only for the horse to get warbles in his withers. I bought him from Michael's father Tony."

Appropriately, Bailey was finishing on the course where he had his greatest triumph, the Mildmay Memorial Steeplechase, with the horse he rates as his best-Mac Joy. Bailey took out a licence before the war and upon resuming, had his first success with a double at Folkestone in 1946. In the intervening years he has the intervening years he has brought his total to over 200 winners. Hills offer 33-1 about Shifting Gold in the National, and Ladbrokes go 25-1.

Only the intervention of Colonel

was sandwiched between the tic-tories of Tiepolino (Bookham Novices Steeplechase) and Shore Captain (second division of the Regent Novices' Hurdle). Tiepolino just lasted home against Dyscole, who came with a sustained run to get to within a length of Mr George Sloan's sixth winner of the season. The American rider, now living at Findon in his attempt to top the smatteur's table, bought Tiepolito from Major Derek Wigar during the

After looking all over the winner, Kilhroney was caught close
home by the Graham Thorner
ridden Colonel Mustard in the
Palace Steeplechase. Thorner used
all his celebrated strength to urge
Colonel Mustard to a head verdiet. Tim Forster, the trainer,
said: "That was a typical Graham
effort. He could have accepted
it when the horse went through
the Pond fence but Colonel
Mustard is all courage."

Forster added: "This was a
good f1.500's worth. Tom Cooper
of the BBA (Ireland) bought him
for me as a three-year-old and
said Colonel Mustard would make
a good hunter if he didn't make
a good hunter if he didn't make
a racehorse. He hasn't been out
of the first two in his last 10
runs. But for the past two years. runs. But for the past two years

he has had to be rested after Christmas because of broken bload vessels."

ledgefield programme 1.45 AYCLIFFE HURDLE (5272: 2m)



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of Spanish Nun, 1.13 Angel Clare, 1.45 Bross, 2.15 CHOSEN SLAVE presents recommended, 2.45 Toughie, 3.15 Lady Val.

ndown Park selections

Double Bridd, 1,30 Prehibas 2.0 ALVERTON is specially recom-nied, 2,30 Grangewood Girl, 3,0 Accelerate, 3,30 Warrenbayne our Newmarket Correspondent Grey Mountain, 2,30 Tingle Creek, 3,0 Gentleman at Arms.

Sandown Park results

vesterday 1.0 (1.5) RECENTS HUNDLE (Div 1: Notices: £720: 2m) Bailyfis Lake
J. Francome (4-5 fav. 2
Poter Grimes ... A. Turnell (15-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Patertistler, 15-3
Belkon Collage, 14-1 Gold, Claim, 25-1
tecrafetown, 35-1 Indian Lown (4th). Essiert Lullaby: Chaves Down Extra-cert, Genial Miss, Trench, Tromsa-warrior King, Abrus, Flondell, 17 mn, TOTE: Wm. E.1.38; places, 43p, 11p, 27p; dua forecast, £1.49, D. Kent, at Chichester, di Gt. Tackling and Comp-lon Cassey did not run.

1.30 (1.35, 200KMAN STREPLE-CMASE (Novices: 2564; 2m 18yd).
Thopoline, b h, hy Timmy My Bay,
—Thepolatic (G. Sloan) 3-11-9
Mr G. Sloan (10-4 fay) 1
Dyscale P. Haynes (5-1, 2
Antheny of Padna, W. Smith (4-1, 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Dawlinh, 20-1 Lintam, 33-1 (Trodue 14h), Barwood, Bold Salth, Brem, Cold Spell, Craden, W. Salthg, 12 rm.
TOTE: Win, 20p; places, 11p, 16p, 11p; dual (orecast, 55p, J. Giffors, at Pindon, 11, 11) 2.0 (3.3) PALACE STREPLECHASE (Handkup: £1.238: 3° no 68yd)
Colonel Mustard, b g, by Ribardo-Vers Liby (Mrs M. Wagdin)
11-4 G. Timerper (5-1) KHbronety
R. Charepion (13-10 fav) 2
Wayward Scot, J. Francome (6-4) 3
ALSO RAN: 33-1 Chistmas Comm
(p) 4 Fan.

Louige 15 ran.

TOTE: Win. 480: blaces, 180, 110, 270; dual forecast, 260, 1, 64ford, at Findon, 11, 41.

TOTE DOUBLE: Colongel Musicard, Easter Sci. (28.20. TREBLE: Tepolino, Suiting Gold, Shore Cacain, E8.50. JACKPOT: \$335.35. Gunranted sool today \$5,000. PLACEPOT: \$15.75.

11-2 Footsome, 6-1 Reine Sam. Jon Stewer, 8-1 Hay Srider, Thington Riving. 10-1 Semischie, Genovese, 13-1 Merry Kerry, Quickspenny, 16-1 Listercombe, 16-1 Warronburg Prince, 20-1 others. Market Rasen programme [Television (IBA): 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 races] 12.45 GEORGE HURDLE (Handicap: £392: 2m) . 9-4 Trible, 7-2 Nan's Gem. 9-2 Brown Fox 6-1 Soldiers Camet, 10-1 Rolus, 10-1 Highland Jig, 16-1 others. 1.15 MUCH OBLIGED STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: 5993: 2m 5f) 51) 1 1-13020 Sièse (C), G. Vergette, 8-12-0 ... P. J. Kelly 2 471-214 Region (C), R. Carter, 8-11-9 ... P. Blacker 3 1011-0.2 Peer Bey, D. Morter, 7-11-8 ... S. R. Davies 2 013-212 Arche Challenge, G. Fabrotter, 7-10-1 ... Mr. P. Crages 10 42-0007 Humber Light (C-2), R. Bennett, 8-10-0 ... Mr. R. Bennett, 7 2-1 Poor Boy, 3-1 Redkin, 4-1 Slips, 9-2 Arctic Challenge, 6-1 Humber Light. 1.45 PANAMA CIGAR HURDLE (4y-0: Qualifier: £1,312: 2m)

2.15 LINCOLNSHIRE POACHER HURDLE (£1,745: 2m)

2.45 STANLEY TOOLS STEEPLECHASE (Novices: Qualifier: £1,857: 3m)

2 00-1pin Companion (C). H. Maddever, 6-11-7 Mr P. Barris 7

2 02-212 Peter Scei (D). D. Gandolfo. 6-11-7 P. Barris 7

3 02-212 Three Gams (D). M. Oliver, 6-11-7 Mr J. Weston 5

7 32-4rd Cate Unions J. Fitzonaid, 6-11-1 Mr R. Bennoit 7

8 044-02 Dalket, R. Wright. 12-11-1 Mr R. Bennoit 7

9 004-02 Devin Solider, D. Brennan, 9-11-1 D. Brennan 10

2 27 Fair View, G. Fairbainn, 7-11-1 L. Watkinson 11

10 00-12 Pair View, G. Fairbainn, 7-11-1 D. Sanderland 15

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3 10 00-13 D. Sanskrit, S. Mellor, 6-11-0 P. Backer 16

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3-1 Trustini, S. Systen, R. Trimponn, 10-1 others.

Compa, 8-1 Cate Liongs, 12-1 Companion, 10-1 others.

3.15 CHASE STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £692: 2m) | 100211 Came Spring, W. Guest, S-11-10 | Watkinson 8 4210-13 | Havanus, D. Morley, S-11-9 | Havanus, D. Morley, S-11-9 | Scarlet French 7-11-7 | D. Synderland 2-5 Stellats, 13-8 Come Spring, 16-1 others. *Doubtfal sunner

Market Rasen 12.45 : 12.46: WHITE SWAN HURDLE (5285: 3m) (2885: 3m)

Gain Lad, Ch. 9. by Gais Performance—Land 15. Griffiths.

3 10-0 N. Tinkier (5-4 fav. 7 King of Swing. A. Loveli 18-1; 2 Take Alm. D. Munro (7-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-2 Harry a Fizzale.

10-1 Blakewin, 12-1 Blessed Boy. Summer Servande. Wolshohm. 20-1 Jolil Meludy (4th., 23-1 Velled Boy 191. Andura. 11 ran.

TOTE: Win. 12p: places, 11p. 75p. 12p. dial forcess. \$2.00. J. Hardy. Sizundon. 21. 71. Grooveles, Wilsome and Buildwadon Build did for 17m. Winner was bought in for £1.500. Star of the Arcitc, br m, by Arctic Checalier—Diervilla R. Mac-Leed: 6-21-9 Blamend Head R. Hyelt (20-1) 2 Crimon Gove Walkinson (8-1) 3 ALSO RAN: 9-4 It tave Cask and Glass (4th), Heiderborg (1), 11-1 Wild Rushes, 12-1 Silmit Comfort, 14-1 Irish Quickeless, 20-1 Snowy M, 25-1 Irish Quickeless, 20-1 Snowy M, 25-1 Irish Quickeless, 20-1 Snowy M, 25-1 Irish Quickeless, 20-1 Irish Quickeless, 21-4 D. Morley, Bury St Edmunds, 21-4, 61 1.45 (1.46) GORDON ARMS HUROLE (Randicap. 2651: 2m) *Handicap. 2001: 2m; lorian Sol. b m. br Sahib—Solvi-lium 16. Brew., 5-10-2 Weish Treaty D. Briscoe (10-1) 2 Katmands. J. J. O Nelli (9-4 fav. 3

ALSO RAN: 5-2 Embargo (4th) 5-1 Rike, 10-1 Thirlestane, 14-1 Mary McQuaker, 16-1 Purto Rico, 20-1 River Belle, 35-1 Ronom, Fintalex, Sir Pellea (6), 12 ran. TOTE: Win, 54p; places, 15p, 14p, 25p; dual forecast, 20,67. C. Drew, Potton, 10l, 5t. The Fencer, b g. by Indigenous—
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ALSO RAN: 5-1 Kevock Royal (pl.
7-1 Kabesu (Jth. 16-1 Ormande Tador. 6 ran.
TOTE: Wim. 60p: places, 15p. 15p.
Bishop Auckland. 'el. 21. 2.45 (2.47) HAVE-A-CARE HURDLE (Div. I: Novices: £499; 5m) 3.15 (3.18) HAVE-A-CARE HURDLE (DIT II: Novicus: 2490: 3m) Market Rasen selections

Market Rasen selections

By Our Racing Staff

12.45 Robus. 1.15 Recibin. 1.45 The Tista. 2.15 Claudio Nicolai. 2.45

Trustful. 3.15 Havanus.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

12.45 Robus. 1.15 Poor Roy. 1.45 Ravir. 2.15 Indian Captive. 3.15

Havanus.

Chepstow selections

By our Racing Staff

1.0 George Spaces. 110. 300 Kas. 2.0 Zellaman. 2.30 Snow Flyer. 3.0 Bit of Manny. 3.30 Russhall.

Chepstow programme



1.30 EMBASSY PREMIER STEEPLECHASE (\$1,322 : 25m)

2.0 LADBROKE HURDLE (Handicap: £1,469: 21m) 2.0 LADBROKE HURDLE (Handicap: £1,469: 2,m)

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8. 20 003 2.30 PROENICIA STEEPLECHASE (E822 : 2m)

3.30 RABAT HURDLE (Handicap : 4y-0 : £954 : 2m)

100-50 Lewis, 4-1 Bushaff \$1 Cold Incide, 15-2 Ambringon Per Cold David, 10-1 Fragmann, 12-1 Extravaganza, True Shot, 14-1 Jempest Call Technology

00 years on from Drake, England are still bowling Spain over

he English, in their time, have patriate Englishmen, both those in ass excelled at introducing new ris to the notices. Practically by leading world sport inwi-ted was developed in this fire and then taken to other En six of missionaries, the ted forces, Empire builders or in. It was even an English-It was even an Englisha who launched competitive sid-MATEURIANA ions, therefore, that it took the open Fengonic Community to the about before anyone tried to arest other vestern Europeans faun bonds.

Mis Particular apprecion is now me recrified. The Buard of one, originally, had a hand in autiation of meetings now in; place herwest the various serming podies in English bowls I commercial organizations with resist in the sport. The French, beginning, are sucking with La herently, are specified with Lu-uic but spain. West Germany. Netherland. Belgium, Italy I Portugal, are all involved books has caught on fastest over

patriate Englishmen, both those in retirement, or merely tax refugees, have once again become active in the spread of a sporting gospel. Spain now has tourist facilities for howling holidows. Their domestic players have applied to join the game's world ende governing body, the International Bowling Board LIBRI and a furgreean hords cham-(IBB) and a European bowls cham-pionship of sorts is planned there for October, 1978, with commercial television already expressing interest. West Germany, however, is the

prime target for those profession-ally concerned in the development of bowls in Europe. Bowls aroused considerable interest when it was demonstrated at a recent Cologne fair. With synthetic surfaces for greens now available. and indoor bowls, too, catching on incredibly fast, the present era has been an ideal one for construction and equipment firms to seek new outlets. And what more handy than immediate neighbours across the Channel within the EEC language.

chation (EIBA) were also present has already taken place to discuss how best bowis should be taken into Europe. Old prejudices dishard so regrettably, although understandably, a fair amount of time was spent on which code of laws the Europeaus should use metals arising should the emerging bowls nations wish to affiliate to the IBB.

The delegates from each body meet again on December 15, having by then reported back and been briefed by their respective committees. Clearly there will have to be compromise somewhere along the line. Unanimity on fundamentals such as rules are

Links were first established by commercial interests with the Engil lish Bowling Federation (EBF), who in turn have now brought the English Bowling Association (EBA) into the picture. One meeting at which representatives of the English Indoor Bowling Association (EIBA) were also present has already taken place to discuss the bowles should be taken to be best bowls should be taken to be should be taken to be be taken to be best bowls should be taken to be be taken to be be taken to be be taken to be should be taken to be be taken to be should be taken to be a be taken to be should be taken to be the sites for the special pro-gramme of matches being arranged for next summer's EBA seventyfor next summer EBA seventylifth anniversary. A tour, sponsored by Kodak, has been αττσnged
for the singles' champions of the
four home countries, together with
those of Australia, New Zealand.
South Africa and the United
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The climax will involve these champions in a masters' tourna-ment at Worthing from June 9 to 11 with the highlights being recorded by television for showing later in a weekly series on EEC 2.

Thompson's chance to gain foothold for Olympics

Tokyo. Dec 2.—Britain's Ian Thompson, Finland's Lasse Viren. William Rogers of the United States and Japan's Takeshi Soh will stage a thrilling competition in the twelfth Fukuoka international marathon, to be run in Fukuoka, Kyushu Island on Sunday.

first victory in an international marathon. He says: "The pro-blem is how to keep the pace in day.

A field of 84 runners from 11 the last five kilometres. If I can keep my pace after 35 kilometres 42.195 kilometre race at noon from Heiwadai Stadium.

been 18 now to keep me pace in the last five kilometres. If I can keep my pace after 35 kilometres is shall be able to win." The finn won the 10,000 and 5,000 metre; from Heiwadai Stadium.

Thompson, 28, who was second behind the winner Jerome Clayton of Canada last year, and holds the world's second fastest nuruthon time of 2hr 9min 12sec, says he hopes to obtain something as a "foothold" for the Moscow Olympics.

Process 20 is seeking by soweth. Worthing from June 9
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An English upbringing

Edgar Allan Poe in London/by David Sinclair



Above: Elizabeth Arnold Poe, Edgar's mother Right: Poe in 1848

A reader coming to Edgar tobacco merchant, and his child-Allan Poc's tales of mystery less wife, Frances. The adop-and horror for the first time tion forged another link beeasily be forgiven for ng that he was an English rather than an American writer. His claborate, even luxuriant, style, his backdrops ruined castles and palaces with their rich but tasteful oraperies, his damp and misty landscapes, his obsession with and tradition-all have the feel, almost the smell, of England. Much of this is derivative, borrowed from English and other European writers, but there can be no doubting the influence on Poe of the four-end-a-half boyhood

years he spent in England. Edgar Poe was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on January 19. 1809, but his roots lay firmly in the British Isles. On his fasher's side, his forebears were immigrants to colonial America, having originated in County Cavan, in what is now the Jrish Republic, His mother, London-born actress whose own mother had been a lead-ing player at the Theatre Royal Covent Garden, in the

Edgar knew little of his parents. When he was harely a year-old his father, David Poe, disappeared, leaving his wife with two children to care for and a third on the way. David, born in Baltimore, Maryland, had given up a promising career in the law in favour of roving, rootless and precarious existence on the stage—a life for which he pro-ved to be entirely unsuited. He had met and married Elizabeth Arnold while they were both working with a theatre com-

plished actress and popular with audiences, but David, in the words of one critic who saw him, was not fit to play anything more than walk-on parts, and his lack of talent did nothing to help his wife's career. The couple joined a company in Boston, but success into poverty. The financial train was increased with the birth of their first child. Henry, in 1807, a year after their marriage, and by the time Edgar was born they were in desperate circumtances, with David drinking training and baseline with the control of the circumtances. When Edgar was two months old, the family moved to New York in the hope of better fortunes. Elizabeth did quite , but David hecame a tar-for America's fiercest theatre critics, who attacked not only his bad acting but Iso his drunkenness. In 1810, l'lizabeth become pregnant

David. Faced on the one hand

with the renom of the critics and on the other with the pro-

pect of yet another mouth to

reed, he cave up the struggle In, one sense, this was the best thing that could have happened to Elizabeth. It was difl'zult bringing up three hildren single handed, but at ast her career was tree of be hurden of her husband's ck of talent. She moved to chunned, Virginia, and tentre audiences there. The ars of hard work and coverty had weakened her. lawever, and in December old-she died of consumption. After Elizabeth's death. After Elizabetics occurs Heavy Pue was sent to live arondourents in Rahiriors, the youngest child—a nirl named Rosajie—went to a fimily in Richmond, and I dgar was informally adopted by John Allan, a Richmond

World. Allan was a Scot, born in Agrishire in 1780, who had mond.

Edgar, Allan was a successful husinessman. He had left his uacle's firm in 1800 to set up a tobacco exporting and hardtobacco exporting and ware company with another of Galt's employees, Charles Ellis, and the company had pros-pered. Allan had later married Frances the daughter of an established Virginian family, and become an American citizen, though he assiduously kept up contacts with his rel-atives in Scotland and nursed ambitions to return to Britain to set up a branch of his firm

Allan got his chance to cross

the Atlantic after the inconclusive and somewhat farcical War of 1812 between England and the United States, which arose because the English navy seized American cargoes on the high seas. American mer-chants, starved of business by the war, rushed to expand their operations when the peace treaty was signed in December 1814, and by the summer of the following year Allan had completed plans for his London venture. On June 23, 1815, he and Frances, with Edgar and Frances's unmarried sister Nancy, set off on the month-long voyage to England.

They landed at Liverpool.

For six-year-old Edgar the sights and sound of the bustling city, its narrow streets and stone buildings contrasting sharply with the open spaces ginia, would have been exciting enough, but they were fol-lowed by an even greater adventure: a coach trip to Scotland to visit the Allan telscottand to visit the Atlan tel-atives. They travelled up the ended west Coast and crossed the but it Scottish border north of Car-liste, making their way through terest inland from the Firth of Clyde. It may have been memories of the English Lakeland or the Scottish zlens through which they passed that prompted Poe to write many years later, a poem called "The Lake": In the spring of youth it was

To haunt of the wide world a The which I could not love the

So lovely was the loncliness
Of a wild lake, with black rock

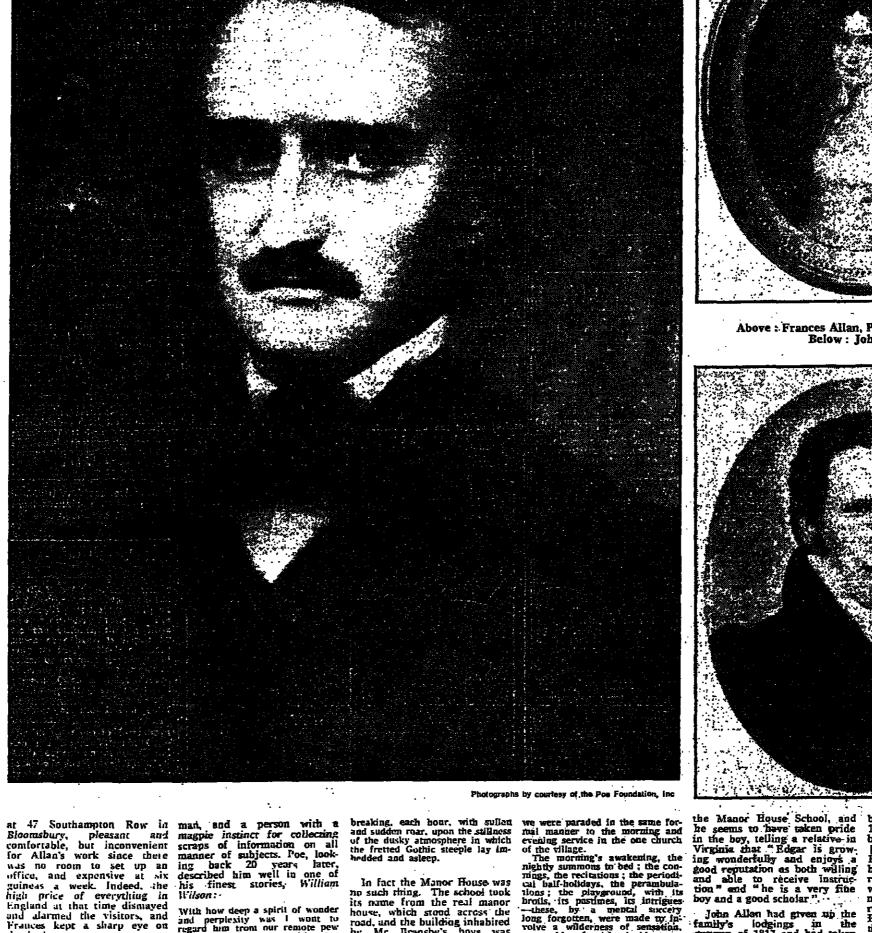
And the tall pines that towered

Kilmarnock to see more rel- gave it to a character in The aires. The good-hearted Scots Murders in the Rue Morgue. lost brother with a show of traditional hospitality, for fraditional hospitality, for it came to Edgar's schooling.

Frances Allan was, in her was hand's words, "so bewildered known at the time, did not sleep with wonder" that she could in a dormitory at the Dubourg's advanced and the damp atmo- were a little more than £35 a advanced and the damp atmosphere did not agree with the Virginians. When they arrived in London on October 10, after what must have been in arduous and uncomfortable hourney via Glasgow, Edinburgh, Newcastle and Sheffield, Frances was obliged to retire to hed with a bad cold and sore throat, while the rest of the family felt "cursedly dissatisfied".

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high price of everything in Wilson:-England at that time dismayed twen how and alarmed the visitors, and Frances kept a sharp eye on the budget.

the Napoleonic wars had the ended in the summer of 1815, the but it had cost the British dearly: by 1816 the annual interest payments on the National Debt amounted to more than 130m, and the Tory government led by the Earl of Liverponi pushed taxation up to a crippling level. Tea, supar, tobacco, beer, soap, candles, paper—the excise man, it seemed, could not keep his hands off anything. Prices soared: bread cost a shilling a loaf, an enormous sum for those days. In short, it was the worst possible time to set up a new business. Allan wrote: "If I get through the year I hope I shall not see such another."

with robes so glossy and so clerically flowing, with wig similarly powdered, so rigid and so vast—could this be he who, of late, with sour visage, and in sauffy habiliments, administered. Ferule in hand, the Draconian laws of the academy?

Bransby, questioned long afterwards by a Poe admirer and former pupil of the Manor House, classified Edgar Allan as "wayward and wilful", though he did admit that Poe was "a quick and clever boy who, by the time he left the school, could speak French, had a working knowledge of Latin, and "was far beuter acquainted I get turough the year I hope I a working knowledge of Latin, shall not see such another." and "was far better acquainted Nancy wrote home to say they with history and literature than were unhappy in London.

Edgar, however, was too busy to be unhappy. He had been enrolled in a boarding school at After a few days in Irvine 146 Sloane Street, Chelsea, run-staying with John Allan's sis- by two sisters named Dubourg ters, the visitors moved east to a name Poe recalled when he must have received their long Difficult as things were, John Allan spared no expense when nor bring herself to write school, but had the luxury of rome. By this time, though, a separate bed at an extra the northern autumn was fer guinea a term. The school bills

issatisfied". amateur botanist and horti-They took furnished lodgings culturist, an energetic sports-

Bloomsbury, pleasant and magpie instinct for collecting comfortable, but inconvenient scraps of information on all for Allan's work since there manner of subjects. Poe, look-was no room to set up an ing back 20 years later, office, and expensive at six described him well in one of guiness a week Indeed, the his finest stories, William

With how deep a spirit of wonder and perplexity was I wont to regard him tront our remote pew in the gallery, as, with step solenn and slow, he ascended the pulpit! This reverend man, with countenance so demurely benign, with robes so glossy and so clerically, flowing, with wig so minutely powdered, so rigid and so vast—could this be he who, of late, with sour visage, and in snuffy habiliments, administered, ferule in hand, the Draconian laws of the academy?

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many hoys of a more advanced age who had had greater advantages than he had had ".

But it is Poe himself who gives us the clearest picture of his schooldays in England, even though it is somewhat distorted through embellishment necessary to the substance of the story. William Wilson is a classic study of the doppelginger, the ghostly "double" which can haunt the troubled mind: in this case the "double" is the personification of Wilson's conscience, which first manifests itself at

... A large, rambling, Elizabethan house, in a misty-looking village of England, where were a vast number of gigantic and gnaried trees, and where all the houses were excessively ancient. In truth, it was a dream-like and spirit-soothing place, that venerable old trown. At this moment, in fance, I feel the refreshing chilliness of its deeply-shadowed avenues, inhale the fragtance of its thousand shrubberies, and thrill anew with undefinable delight, at the deep hollow note of the church-bell,

house, which stood across the road, and the building inhabited by Mr Bransby's boys was rather plain, if not ugly. Gothic intricacies ascribed to it by Pue in his tale were necessary to his creation of an air of menace. His description of the classroom and the life of the school, however, is likely to be

school however, is likely to be more factual:

The school-room was the largest in the house—I could not help thinking, in the world. It was very long, narrow and dismally low, with pointed Gothic windows and a celling of oak. In a remote and terror-inspiring angle was a square enclosure of eight or ten feet, comprising the sanctum. "during hours", of our principal, the Reverend Dr Bransby. It was a solid structure, with massy door, sooner than open which in the absence of the "Dominie", we would all have willingly perished by the principal forte of dure. In other angles were two other similar boxes, far less reverenced, Indeed, but still greatly matters of awe. One of these was the pulpit of the "classical" usher, one of the "English and mathematical". Interspersed about the room, crossing and recrossing in endless irregularity, were innumerable benches and dysks; black, accient, and time-worn, piled desperately with much-bethumbed books, and so be seamed with imital letters, names at full length, grotesque figures, and other multiplied efforts of the knife, as to have lost what little of original form might have been their portion in days long departed. A huge bucket with water stood at one extremity of the room, and a clock of stupendous dimensions at the other. The grounds were extensive, and a high and solid brick wall, topped with a bed of mortar and hroken glass, encompassed the whole. This prison-like rampart formed the limit of our donain; beyond it we saw but thrice a week—once every Saturday afternoon, when, attended by two ushers, we were permitted to take brief walks in a body through some of the neighbouring fields—and twice during Sunday, when

1818, and "Ointment & Lint" sea and nothing but dire necesson September 16. Also interests sky could entice her aboard ing is the shoemaker's bill, skip, it was not until the end which seems to show that of May 1820 that Allen managed to sell his effects, settler—be had his shoes mended the ine company's debts and on August 26 and again on both September 21 and 25.





testing workers in Manch

purchasing power of money.

The morning's awakening, the nightly summons to bed; the connings, the recitations; the periodical balf-holidays, the perambulations; the playground, with its broils, its pastimes, its intrigues—these, by a mental succeiv long forgotten, were made up involve a wilderness of sensation, a world of rich incident, a universe of varied emotion, of excitement the most passionare and spirit stirring. a house at 39 Southampton Row—enother English memory that remained with Edgar, who used the address in his conic What was provided in terms of actual education and care can be seen from the following story Why the Little French-man Wears His Hand in a Sling Frances had spent some time at Cheltenham Spa and later stayed at Dawiish in Devon, but the family was together at Christmas 1818 quarterly bill:

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The apothecary's account the world." He had no choice apparently concerned an injury but to wind up the English to Edgar's hand, for attached and of the business and go to Edgar's nand, for attached end or the business and go to Bransby's account was one home, though that it itself was from Thos. Smith & Son of no easy task. The company was Stoke Newington for "Mas. heavily in debt, and on the Allen (sic) at Mr Bransby personal level Mrs Allen had Dress—Hand" on August 31, the greatest aversion to the Allen (sic) at Mr Bransby... Dress-Hand" on August 31, 1818, and "Ointment & Lint"

In all, from the beginning of awart a passage to America.

1818 to the spring of 1820. At the beginning of June he John Allan paid out almost wrote to Ellis: The Martha 1250 for Edger's education at Capt Standard will not said O David Sinclair, 1977.

before Wednesday next the 14th inst. Mrs Allan is in bester Health than usual Ann better Health than usual Ann [Nancy] is quite well so is Edgar. I for myself was never better." The prospect of returning home frad done wonders for them all, and it must have been with great relief that they watched the English coast fading away into the distance behind their ship. Edgar, who loved sea travel and would taser ofreo describert in his stories, was probably family's lodgings in the autumn of 1817 and had taken and would taser often describeit in his stories, was probably
in a state of high excitement
over the voyage, and there is
no evidence that he had any
regrets at heaving England.
Certainly his writings betray,
no particular love or regard
for the mother country, though
they were indivenced by the
thoroughness and discipline of
an English education, albeitbrief, and the more subtle
effects wrought by life in a
part of the world so very difterent in experience, tradition,
appearance and anadsphere when Edgar came home for the holidays. It was probably quite a jobly time, for there were signs of better days mead as the country enjoyed something of a commercial boom. The economic revival was short-lived however. The appearance and armosphere from the America an which he was to spend the rest of his year 1819—nororious for the "Peterloo Massacre" of pro-

It remains a matter for conecture whether the stay in England contributed to Por-—saw a return to financial crisis, and the government's later restlessness in Americadecision to adhere to the gold standard effectively lowered the his failure to settle down at university, for instance, and his lifelong impatience with a society which, it is fair to say, was less collared and in some John Alkan was within a whisker of backruptcy by the respects less civilized than the England of the early nineend of the year; he wrote to lus partiner, Charles Billis: teenth century. Edgar was never very impressed by the democracy on which his fellows "Please to bear in mind that I countrymen . so prided : themselves. He compared it to mob started with the queerest ides; that all men are born free and equal." It may well be that he began to form such attitudes while enjoying the advantages of the class-ridden society of Georgian England.

This article is adapted from Edgar Alian Poe, by David Sin S. clair to be published by Barta next Thursday at £6.95. It will be reviewed that day on the Rook Page by Sir William Haley.

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ne of the two antrentic chess emuses of our time and, if ou can manage to form a circle or of two people (and in fact here are some people in the ness would who can form a full ricle by themselves), then here two constitute the opposite of a virious carcle.

Remeters is the Peres Pois to the Peres P ear a charmed life in the bale-ul labyring. of committees invoigh which the Soviet chess-layer must thread his way. Per-aps the members of the KGB elieve in fairies: At all events, it should be otted that Bronstein, whilst auch attached to his native lussia, is of an independent and and is constantly clashing ith the burezacrats who rule he USSR.

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It might be asked in
hat way is Bronstein a chess
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is games" but that is merely
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could also say that he has then I have to define my terms. could also say that he has il the quirks and oddities with dich the general public associate great artists in any field. It this is confusing effect with ause and the habit of spendig half an hour deep in lought, or what passes for rought, is not necessarily conned to the great player. On it whole I have known more coentric weak players than rong ones.

rong ones. With Bronstein much of his with Bronstein much of his entus resides in a bold originative of thought and a vivid pagination. But he would not '25... Bur '26 R-B8 h K-B2 e Bronstein and one of the mountal players if he were of dominated by a sort of hess idealism and a passion or all that is heautiful in the large Colombek

All this, with its strengths

Dr Leonti Planskoy

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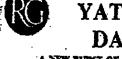
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and its weaknesses, comes out well in his book 200 Open Games, which was recently published in paperback by Barsford's and which in this form is quite a hargain at £2.95, contening as it does 240 pages all full of the very suff of chess. There is a highly significant passage towards the and of the book.

book. This shows you the particular strengths, and indeed, weaknesses, to be found in Bronstein. He asks what it is that attracts these players to the games and says: "Of course, it is not craftsmanship in the endgame: it is far more interesting to solve studies and problems. It is not the study of agenings: for those who wish of openings: for those who wish
to memorize things, there are
marvellous lines of verse
or even logarithm tables. Which
ever is to one's taste."

But, according to Bronstein people come to the sanctuary of Chess Art with a sole aim; to delight in the beauty of combinations." These are the combinations." These are the words of a player who attained the highest peak in the chess world in 1951 when he drew a world championship match with Botvinnik, but was unable to dislocize his enversary from that high peak through a tendency to underestimate the worth of endgame play, regarding it merely as "crafitmanship."

The game to which Bronstein's remarks are a prelude is a beautiful example of an imaginative Bronstein combina-

Bronstein is the Peter Pan of Moscow International grand-oxict and world chess. Reparkably, he would seem to give it here together with labyrint, of committee the property of the part of imaginative Bronstein combine

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3 B-K5 P-085 18 0xP P-87

4 B-R4 KI-85 14 B-9 P-85

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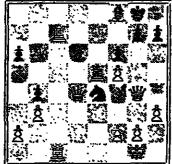
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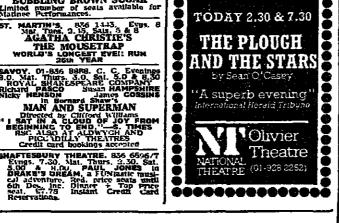
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Weekend Broadcasting

TV CHOICE

Today 5.10 pm BBC 1 When you consider what is coming later, you could do worse than spend even 10 minutes with Messrs Tom and Jerry, who delight all of the children in my house (paracularly

me).
5.30 pm ITV And, just after, Man from Atlantis is the ideal pre-bed offering for the under-eights.
8 pm BBC 2 Altogether much more serious, however, is the main event of this evening: Macbeth for two and a half hours. The bBC, in league with three international TV networks, has obviously well-spent a great deal of money on this latest production of Verdi's opera. Can also be listened to on Radio 3. 8.20 pm BBC! If on the other hand you cannot give yourself to Culture for that time, The Two Rounies certainly offer the

complete alternative....

10 pm ITV and allow you to switch to Don't Knock the Rock, a splendid Granada dollop of nostalgia for 37-year-olds. Comorrow

12 noon ITV General Alexander Haig explains on Weekend World why Nato could invest in the "ultimate capitalist weapon", the neutron bomb which can destroy millions of people without harming buildings.

1.30 pm ITV Regrettably in London only, and during lunch, The London Weekend Show, estensibly simed at teenagers, but with a wider appeal, finds out what it is like to be rich—and young.

8.10 pm BBC 1 The pity of Waste is that it takes the showing of something like the Silver Jubilee Royal Variety Gala (7.15-10.30 pm ITV) to prompt BBC into making its Play for the Month just that. Waste is a lovely, lovely play with clever words and superb casting borne out by distinguished performances. How difficult to believe it purirays an earlier Coalition and another scandal.

10.30 pm ITV Again in London only, and still regrettably, London Weekend Television winds up its two and a bic days of programming with the London Programme, with en exclusive investigative, hard-hitting report on the lucrative business of tax avoidance—a world in which the moderate outlay of 53m can save your company £18m (a year).

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SATURDAY TV

BBC 1 9.15 am, Bagpuss. 9.30, Multi-Coloured Swap Shop. 12.15 pm. Grandstand. 12.20.3, Football Focus. 12.50, 1.25, 1.55, 2.25.8 Racing from Chepstow. 1.10, 2.10, 4.00.8 Snooker. Super Crystalate United Kingdom Professional Championships. 1.408 Squash Rackets. PIA World Series. 2.40, 4.20.8 RAC Railycross Championship. 3.35.8 Rugby. John Player Trophy. 4.40, Final Score. 5.10, Tom and Jerry. 5.20 News. 5.20 News. 5.35 Basil Brush.

6.05 Dr Who. 6.30 Bruce Forsyth and the Generation Game. 7.25 The Duchess of Duke Street. 8.20 The Two Rounies. 9.05 Starsky and Hutch. 9.55 News. 10.05 Match of the Day. 11.05 Michael Parkinson. 12.05 am, Weather.

REGUMALES: 8.50-9.15 km, Sinderela.
12.07-12.32 km, Fighting Talk. SCOT-LAND: 4.55-5.10 pm. Scoreboard.
5.30-8.35, Scoreboard. 10.05-10.35, Spartscrets. 10.35-11.05. One More Time. NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.00-5.10 sti, Scoreboard. 5.30-5.35, Northern Ireland News.

BBC 2 3.05 pm, Film: The Mouse on the Moon, with Margaret Rutherford. 4.25, Play Away. 4.55, Horizon, Icarue's Children, 5.45, Open Door. Unemployed Young West Indians from Bradford present Black 6.00

Sight and Sound in Concert with Nazareth (Signal-taneous with Radio 1 stereo). 7.30 News, 7.45 The Gun. Macbeth, opera by Verdi, with Norman Bailey, Patri-cia Johnson, Nicolai Ghiaurov (Simultaneous with Radio 3 stereo).

Network. From BBC South West; Angel of Spence Bay; the story of a nurse in the Arrite 11.00 News, 11.05-L.05 am, Film: The Fortune Cookle, with Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau.

HTV

Westward

Anglia 9.00 am, ATV, 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Popeys. 5.30, London, 12.15 am, At the End of the Day. Yorksbire

Border 9.30 am, ATV. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Granada: 7.30-12.15, London.

London Weekend 8.30 mm, Skifful Soccer. 8.55, Junior Police 5. 9.00, Our Show. 11.00, Film: Buildog Jack (1937), with Jack Hulbert, Raight Richardson, Fay Wray.* 12.30, on the Ball. 1.00, Films about Sport. 1.20, News. 1.20, The ITV seven: 1.30, Sandown; 1.45, Market Rasen; 2.00, Sandown; 2.15, Market Rasen; 2.30, Sendown; 2.45, Market Rasen; 3.00, Sandown. 3.10, Darts. World Masters. 3.50, Half-time Round-Up. 4.00, Wresting. 4.50, Results Service.

5.05 News. 5.15 Woody Woodpecker. Man from Atlantis. New Faces. Sale of the Century. Best Sellers: Avenue, part 3. Seventh 9.45 News.

Don't Knock the Rock, with Little Richard, Jerry Lee Lewis, Gene Vincent. 10.00 A Prime Minister on Prime Ministers. 11.30 Pro-Celebrity Snooker.

ATV

9.00 am., Skilful Soccer. 99.30, Tiswaa. 12.30, London. 5.15, Bugs Bunny. 5.30-12.15, London. Southern

9.00 am, Our Show. 12.20 pm, Weekend. 12.30, London. 5.15, Cartoon. 5.30, London. 11.30, Southern News. 11.35, Quincy, 12.30 am, Weather. Epilogue.

Granada 9.15 am, Being a Child. 9.40, Skil-ful Soccer. 10.65, Last of the Wild. 19.30, Sesame Street. 11.30, Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Captoon. 5.30, New Faces. 6.30, Man From Atlants. 7.30, The Rag Trade. 8.00 Film: Struter Batter in The

8.00, Film: Stanley Baker in The Last Grenade. 9.45, News. 10.00, The Masterspy. 10.45, Don't Knock the Rock. 11.45, Russell Harty. 12.45-1.15 am, Police Surgeon. Grampian 9.00 am, Dynomuit. 9.35, Return to the Planet of the Apes. 10.05, Stippy, 10.35, The Herbs. 10.50, The Loss Islands. 11.30, Poppys. 11.30, Weide Kitty. 12.00, Captys. 11.30, Weide Kitty. 12.00, Captys. 11.30, Weide Kitty. 12.10, Ecceptings. 12.36 pm. London. 5.15, Cartoon. 5.30, Lon-Gru. 12.10, Reflections.

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THE WEEK'S FILMS

• With the invaluable Screen International being rested for a formight, it's not a good week for films on BBC. The only unqualified recommendation is The Fortune Cookie (tonight, BBC2, 11.05), Billy Wilder's savagely funny 1966 comedy whose Brinish title, Meet Whiplash Willie, cannot have done much for its commercial prospects. Walter Matthau is a shabby lawyer who sees a fortune in faking a damages claim by brother-in-law Jack Lemmon, a sports cameraman injured by a flying half back. They make a lovely doube act; and there's a brief last glimpse of the German character actor Sig Ruman, then eighty ish but still relling in comedy.

of the German character score sig Ruman, then eighty-ish but state telling in comedy.

This afternoon you might prefer to miss Mouse on the Moon (BBC2, 3.05), a dim follow-up of The Mouse That Roared, even though directed by Richard Lester. Tomorrow's Film of the Book (BBC, 1.55) at least has nostalgia on its side: Mervyn LeRoy's version of James Hilton's Random Harvest was a major hit of 1942, a stops-our weepie with the elegant Ronald Colman as an amnesize and Greer Garson loving and suffering. Tomorrow's other literary adaptation, Justine (BBC2, 10 pm). George Cukor's miguided treatment of Durrell's Alexandrian Quartet, has neither tears nor laughter in its favour, though it has Michael York, Dirk Bogarde, Anouk Aimée and Anna Karina in the cast. The best thing to do with Andrew Stone's remake of The Great Waltz (BBC2, Thursday, 9 pm) is to close your eyes and listen to the music. Friday's formula thriller, Assignment k (BBC1, 10.46), alas, doesn't even have Strauss; and The Scarlet Claw (BBC1, 7.15), a 1944 Msn from the Basil Ranbone-Nigel Bruce Sherlock Holmes series, looks a better bet for Friday viewing.

David Robinson

SUNDAY TV

BBC 1 BBC 1
9.08 am, Playboard. 9.15. Sunday
Gang. 9.40, Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan. 10.10, Parosi. 10.25, Trade
Union Studies. 10.50, Kontakte.
11.15, Tele-France. 11.40, On the
Move. 11.50, Your Move. 12.15 pm,
Sunday Worship from William
Temple Church, Wythenstawe.
1.00, Farming. 1.25, Dressmaker.
1.50, News Headines. 1.55, Film of
the Book: Random Harvest, by
James. Hilton, with Ronald Colman, Greer Garson.
2.55, Bugs Buany. 4.05, The High
Chapartal. 4.55, Royal Heritage:
Victoria and Albert.
5.55 News.

5.55 News.
6.05 The Children of the New Forest.
6.50 Stars on Sunday.
7.15 Silver Jubilee Royal Variety
Gala. Forest.
6.35 Appeal: Children in Need of Help.
6.40 Songs of Praise from Aberdeen.
Poldark.
Play: Waste, by Harley
Granville Barker.

News. Everyman. Spirit of the 10.55 Film 77. 11.25 Behind the Scenes. 11.50 Weather. ** Black and white

Regional variations (SEC 1): MEC WALES: 1.55 pm. The Superstars. 2.05. Sports Unr-up. 4.30-4.55, Campus i 76.5-71.25, Vikrations i 16.5-71.25, Vikrations SCOTTAND 5.33-6.40 pm. Appeal: Parkinson's Disease Society.

Home in the Spring, with Jackie Cooper, Eleanor Parker.

10.00 am, Open University. Royal Institute of Chemistry Centenary.

10.30, Pollution and Drosophila Experiments. 10.55-11.20, The First Year of Life. 3.15 pm, Money Programme. Brave New Steel. 3.50, Arena: Cinema. Political themes in London Festival. 4.20, Book Programme. 4.50, Rugby, Scotland B. v. Ireland B. 5.50, The Long Search: A Question of Balance.

6.40 News Review.

7.15 The World About Us. The Life and Death of an Oak.

Film.

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London Weekend

9.30 am, All About Babies (r). 10.80, Morning Worship from Bristol Road Methodist Church. Northfield. Birningham. 11.00, Being a Child (r). 11.30, Happy Divs(r). 12.00, Weekend World. 1.00 pm, University Challenge. 1.30, London Weekend Show. 2.00, The Big March. 3.00, Film: The Little Ones. with Dudley Foster.* 4.15, Danger in Paradise. 5.15, Adam Smith (r). 5.45. Inst William.

6.15 News.
6.25 Chaplain of Dartmoor.
6.45 Appeal, Toy Libraries Association.

10.15 News.
10.30 London Programme. 10.30 London Programme. 11.30 Police Surgeon (r). 12.00 Epilogue. (r) repeat.

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9.30 am, Farming (r) 10.00, Morning Worship from Bristol Road
Methodist Church, Northfield, Birmingham. 11.60, All About Babies
(r). 11.25, Captain Nemo. 11.30,
Being a Child (r). 12.00, Weekend
World. 1.00 pm, Space 1999 (r).
2.00, Star Soccer. 3.00, Film: High
Society, with Bing Crosby, Frank
Sinatra, Grace Kelly. 4.55, Wind in
the Wires. 5.15, London. 10.3012.00, Film: Maybe I'll Come
Home in the Spring, with Jackie
Cooper, Eleanor Parker.

S.10 News.
S.10 Benoni and Rosa, serial based on the novels by Knut Hamsum, part 1.
9.00 The Lively Arts. Three Loud Amens with Aberavon Male Choir, Cwmbach Male Choir, Cwmbach Male Choir, Trelawnyd Male Choir, Trelawnyd

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7.55, Recollections of Herbert
Read. 9.00, EBC Symphony Orchesira, in Paris, part 1: Liged,
Lumsdaine.† 9.50. Pierre Boulez in
conversation. 10.10, Concert, part
2: Boulez, Nono. 11.05. The
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by Shelley and Byron. 11.25-11.30,
News.

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7.10 am, Apna Hi, ghar Samajhiye
7.40, Beils, 7.45, Reading, 7.50,
Sunday Papers, 7.55, Weather,
8.00, News, 8.10, Sunday, 8.45,
Appeal: Children in Need of Help,
8.50, Sunday Papers, 8.55,
Weather, 9.00, News, 9.10, International Assignment, 9.30, Service,
10.15, Miscellany, 11.00, Local
Time, 11.30, Money Box, 12.00,
Not Now, I'm Listening, 12.40 pm.
Letter from America, 12.55,
Weather, The Times is t

Weather.

1.00, News. 1.40, James Galwey.

2.00, Gardeners' Ouestion Time.

2.30, Play: One Man's Dream 4.06.

News. 4.02, Talking Ahost Andiques. 4.30, The Living World.

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6.60, News. 6.15, The Archers' at 15. If You Think You've Got.

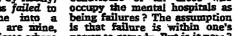
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10.00, News. 10.15, That Most Despitable Race. 11.00, Epstogat.

1115, News. 12.03-12.06 am, 10 shore Forecast.



DAVID WADE

Failure is out

Listening to Professor Thomas Szasz, who gave the sixth end last talk in the series The State of Depth Psychology, is a little like having a cold shower: not so much because it is stimulat-ing and sers the intellectual skin a-tingling, as that what he says always seems so totally, not to say implacably, opposed to all the more familiar and comfortable habits of mind. "I insist," he declares, "that schizophrenia is no more a journey through madness than it is a disease of the braid"; and again "... I submit that the obligation to transform oneself from infant into child, adolescent and adult, into whatever we think we ought to be, and the failure to meet this obligation, all this finds no place in the theories of either psychlatry or and-psychiatry."

The problem is not mental illness, but "misbehaviour", and Professor Sasz preceeds his and Professor 57832 preceeds his submission with a metaphor: the image of "simply being able to endure life with decency and dignity" does not fit into the models of psychiatry or of those who oppose it; it is more like a "sculptor carving a statue out of stone". If the sculptor cannot do it, that is not because he has been attacked (as in the disease theory of mental ill-ness) nor subverted (as in the

notion of destruction by family) "but because he has failed to transform the stone into a statue". The italics are mine, but I think they indicate where the emphases are to be put.

The idea of failure, and personal failure at that, failure with responsibility, is rather out of fashion: much less disquieting to reflect that your position—flat out on the floor —is the outcome of your genes, or your mother's too-strangling embrace, or your father's godlike and unreasonable demands, or some refined malfunction of your physiology, or the general malevolence of a competitive society. Indeed, all these things may in some measure influence your dreadful situation, but to plead their complete responsibility and none of yours.

Put it another way: even if you are a victim to some very high degree, to insist on pleading victimization is actively to con-tribute to the enemy. I'd like to suggest that one of the things wrong with the world of 1977 is that about 99 per cent of us seem to believe that we are the victims of something or other. Universal paranoia is the rule, and in as far as Pro-fessor Szasz draws attention to that, he may be performing a service. But when he extends the bracket of failure to cover schizophrenia and other forms of what he will not call mental illness, that may be something else again. He seems a very absolute man: does he regard the mis-

is that failure is within one's power to remedy. But is it now? Can the long-stay patient get hold of his own bootstraps? Does Dr Szasz modify his assertions at all in the light of recent research which is apparently beginning to uncover a pattern of cerebral malfunction associated with schizophrenia? pattern of cerebral malfunction associated with schizophrenia? This would put the condition back into the class of illnesses. Does he does anyone know enough to be as categorical as he sounds? One possibility exists: that he may be one of those out-of-the-ordinary men who will act a role (of absolutist, or whatever) in order to make a point that badly needs making and in the full realization that he will be misunderstood. Or does he believe in

cline into senility and attempted to convey the conditions of the last months of the old lady's life, which her daughter spent pretty well imprisoned with her in a small house near Newark.

My colleagues were all more or less harrowed by this programme first time round, and it certainly did present some

it certainly did present some of the most agonzing sequences I have ever listened to, especially that awful infantile wrangle about chickens which ended with both women in tears. Perhaps the worst moment, however, was the mother's sudden cry "Oh God, I don't know what to do", for it seemed to express both a realization of confusion and dismay, coupled with despair.

tist, or whatever) in order to make a point that badly needs making and in the full realization that he will be misunderstood. Or does he believe in what he says? Is he expressing a kind of stoical philosophy which is, in some regard, his total self? He does not say, but that reference to enduring life with decency and dignity rather suggests the second of the two.

I suppose no one at all would deny that the madness of the senile is a disease of the brain—though disease suggests microbial origins and the possibility of cure. "Disease bere equals "wearing out", and for geriatrics the only cure is the most final one. Brenda Ridman's Where's the Key, which has just had its second broadcast, consisted of recordings made during her mother's de-



Jack Lemmon as Harry Hinkle in "The Fortune Cookie " tonight (BBC2, 11.5

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1 6.00 am, News. Tom Edwards 1 6.00 am, News. Tom Edwards 5.03, Racing bulletin. 8.06, \$4 Stewart 1 10.00, Kid Jensen. 12.00, Paul Gambaccini. 1.31 pm, Rack On.† 2.30, Alan Freeman.† 5.31, Rock and Roll.† 6.30, Sight and Sound in Concert. Nazareth.† 7.30, Top Tunes.† 8.15, Acker's 'Air 'Our.† 8.45, BBC Radio Orchestra.† 10.02. Sports Desk. 10.10, Wally Whyton.† 11.02. Ray Moore.† 12.31-12.33 am, News.† Stereo

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6.00 am, Radio 1. 10.02, Teddy
Johnson.† 12.02 pm, Two's Best.†
1.02, Albert and Me, 1.34-5:55,
Sport, including Football; Racing
at Sandown; Cricket, England
Touring Team in Pakistan; S.00,
Sports Report. 6.03. Europe 77:
UK. 7.02, Roy Castle. 7.30-12.33
am, Radio 1.

7.55 am, Weather Scint Saens, Planquette, Chebrier, Scint Saens, Record Review † 10.15. Stree Release: Handel, Verdi † 11.25, Schubert Songs, Polish Songs, 12.02 pm, John Amis. † 12.02 pm., John Amis.†

12.55 pm., News. 1.00, Schubert and Berg.† 2.00, Man of Action, Sir Arthur Knight.† 3.35, Tchaik. ovsky, Valverde, Granados, Ravel.† 5.00, Jazz Record Requests.† 5.45, Critics' Forum. 6.35, Beethoven 5 conducted by Berustein.† 7.10, Plainsong and the Rise of European Music.† 8.00, Macbeth, opera by Verdi.† 10.30, Plano recital: Chopin.† 10.45, Sounds Interesting.† 11.25-11.33, News.

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6.30 am, News. 6.32. Farming. 6.59, Yours Faithfully. 6.55. Weather. 7.00, News. 7.10, On Your Farm. 7.40, Today's Papers. 7.45. Yours Faithfully. 7.50, It's a Bargain. 7.55. Weather. 8.00, News. 8.38, Sport on 4. 8.45. Today's Papers. 8.50, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.10, Pick of the Week. 10.00, News. 10.02. From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Between the Lines. 11.68, News. 11.02. The Week in Westminster. 11.30, Science Now. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, John Amis. 12.55, Weather.

e 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, Cardon.
I 1.15, Space 1999. 2.10, Kick Off.
E Match. 3.15, Kodiak. 3.45, The
Practice. 4.15, Southern. 5.15, London. 10.30, Film: Dorothy
McGuire, George Brent in The Spiral Staircase. 12.00-12.35 am, So It
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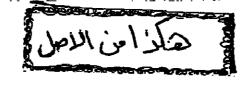
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The Time

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On Sunday: Sam Costa; \$3.65,
Gospel Concert; 8.32, Radio 1,
10.02, David Jacoba; 11.36,
People's Service, 12.02 pm, Family
Favourites; 2.02, The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show,
2.30, The Songwriters, Oscar Hammerstein, 3.30, Alan Dell, 4.82,
Charile Chester; 6.00, Radio 1,
7.02, Brain of Sport, 7.30-12.33
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7.55 am, Weather, 8.00, News.
8.05, Mozart and the Vigini
Sonata. 9.00, News. 9.05, Your
Concert Choice: Haydn, Beethoven, Schubert, Blades, Brittan,
10.30, Music Weekly,† 11.28, The
Bayreuth Ring: Die Walkere,
Act 1.† 12.30 pm, Words. . . .
12.35, Lute Recital: Gardiner.† 12.35, Lute Rectai: Granus 1.05, Alistair Cooke's Jazz 20s. 1.35, Die Walkure, Act 2.7 3.10, Talking About Music. 1 3.40, Die Walkure, Act 3.7 4.55, Elizabethan Years, Robert Layou on the LP explosion. 1 6.05, Sophie Wass Remembers. 6.25, Journal de Mas Maladiae.



sense of responsibility for her

death. But it is impossible to read the whole awful story of

her attempt to live through

her madness, the morderous attack upon her own child, her death by fire, without occa-

signally shuddering at her hus-

band's naiveté, his unreasonable determination to make

sense of all her symptoms, his

pecudar readiness to embrace

the role of tragic commentator.

And in Sutherland's story,

this sense of irrationalism

nibbling away at the edge of

the analysis is even more marked. He may attempt to

avoid any self-pity, any over-

sciousness; he may as becomes a Professor of Experimental

Psychology by to impose tem-poral order upon his

experiences, measure their in-

tensity, and compare the dif-ferent treatments he received. But eventually, this no-non-sense categorizing stands out

not as an objective vantage point somewhere beyond the actual breakdown, but as part

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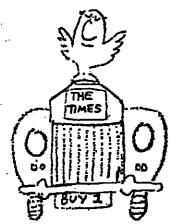
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and athletic undergraduates.

Overmatched, potentially outplayed and 40-love down in the first game, Joad yet saved the day by volleying his return into the stop-netting and then, at precisely the right psychological moment, saving, "Kindly say clearly, please, whether the ball was in or out."

A crude ploy by our own more sophisticated standards but it worked. The undergraduates were so flustered by this uates were so flustered by this faintest of suggestions that their sportsmanship was in question that eventually they lost the match and so kindled in Mr Ponter the idea of Gamesmanship, or The Art of Winning Games Without Actually Cheating. How daring, how wiscula included it must how risque indeed, it must have seemed when the concept was first expounded in hard covers in 1947.

And how marvellously, nos-talgically innocent it seems now in this age of the profes-sional foul when on every sports ground from village

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pitch to Wembley, Twickenham or Lords the players regularly practise a modern variation on Mr Potter's theme—Foulman-ship, or The Art of Cheating at Games Without Actually Being

Gamesmanship could never have been invented today because it depends essentially because it depends essentially on the good manners and basic sporting spirit of the victim, commodities in such short supply that had the famous tennis match been played in 1977 the undergraduates would have answered Professor Joad with a surly, "Of course it was out, you daft old git. Get yourself some glasses," and ruthlessly proceeded to blast their opponents off the court. opponents off the court.

How fortunate then that Mr
Porter grew up in gentler
times, for had be not invented
Gamesmanship he could not
have developed their offshoots,
One-Upmanship and Lifemenship, those invaluable guides to
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steeller than Gamesmanship and depends much less on exploiting the other fellow's intrinsic good nature. Indeed, satisfying elements of revenge and malice enter strongly into it (cf. the chapter on Christmas Giftmanship and the intense pleasure to be derived from giving a keen golfer a set of golf mittens embroidered with knitted nosegays).

No doubt if Mr Potter were able to update his work now he would take into account the fact that most people cheat anyway and adapt accordingly. Nevertheless, in this timely paperback edition of the ori-

explicit. Mrs Riddeli was



Gamesmanship as seen by Nicolas Bentley.

ginals there is still much for could be summed up crudely the keen student to learn from in the words of that other plays and gambits of such notable One-Upman, W. C. great men as Odoreida, Frith-Morreroy and Gantling-Penn, an even break." great men as Odoreida, Frith-Morteroy and Gattling-Fenn, men whose philosophy, like that of Mr Potter himself,

never in debt, and has always a triffle to spare for others. A doctor "comes back from the diggings" with a outget big enough to make him rich; an Admiral shamelessly name his son out into the rain without a hat; servants, including bleck-mailing valers, multiply; and "it would be hard to find a more lonely stretch of country than the path which winds along the river from Shepperton Lock to Chertsey Bridge".

Several people in this fan-

supernatural if it is solidly deep, and a newcomer to Lam-Victorian and the ghosts are both sace on a west evening explicit. orders in wood and coals from

explicit.

Mrs Riddell was nearly always explicit, especially in old houses which she gloatingly enjoyed. One in Upper Kennington Lane, another in Vauxhall Walk, a third, "old and rambling", in Gerrard Street, Soho ("not then an utterly shady and forgotten locality"), and a found a manutterly shady and forgotten locality"), and a found a manutterly shady and forgotten locality"), and a found a manutterly shady and forgotten locality"), and a found a manutterly shady and forgotten locality"). Almost of the grazing country." Though, today, for all but collectors, she protests too much and even makes her mailing valers, multiply; and points in inalics, this anthology "it would be herd to find a

Moore

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BRIAN MOORE: all Penguin: The Luck of Ginger Coffey; I Am Mary Dume; Fergus; Catholics (60p each); The Great Victorian Collection (70p).

All the covers to this Penguin

edition of five of Brian Moore's novels announce: "author of The Doctor's Wife". Perhaps

this particular title will eventually be seen as a watershed in his work; perfectly illustrating

the dichotomy that so often exists between literary criticism and commercial success. From The Lonely Passion of

Judith Hearne, his first novel, to The Great Victorian Collection, Brian Moore established himself as an accomplished novelist tackling a variety of themes in differing milieu.

But that is not a recipe for mass commercial success.

There's a conservatism abroad that breeds a reading public which demands "something

different like the one I had last week", as I overheard one

Then came The Doctor's Wife (published by Cape a year ago and not yet available in paperback) and for the first time Buisn Moore received mixed notices. He was accused of using a backneyed theme: even the "romance" label was used to beat him. But it sold, better than any of his presenting appeals.

than any of his previous novels. I happen to think The Doctor's

Wife is an honest and riveting description of a woman

breaking away from conven-tion and believing that she is "living" for the first time in her life. Peel away

the narrative—Moore's most sursigntforward story since Ginger Coffey—and you will find the theme that is present

in all the novels of his that I've read—the pressures inherent in

life today.

Moore is concerned with

Moore is concerned with individuals who have reached crossroads: the title character in Ginger Coffey is an Irish salesman in Canada under threat of returning home as a failure; Mary Dunne the thrice married New Yorker worried about her present marriage; the Irish about, in Catholics, faced with enforcing ecumenical practices; the young Canadian academic's appalling realization, in The Great Victorian Collec-

in The Great Victorian Collec-tion, that what he has dreamt has come true; and Fergus Fadden, the successful Irish-born writer bamboozled by the insecurity of the Film world.

msecurity of the film world.

The Penguin collection is well chosen. If Brian Moore is still unfamiliar to you then take this quintet in chronological order beginning with Ginger Coffey. My heart bled for Moore's vainglorious hero as he is forced to take the most menial job in the local newspaper sweatshop, moonlighting

paper sweatshop, moonlighting

as a van driver with a laundry to meet his commitments. I rooted for him all the way,

surely a sign that the novelist had created a world and cap-

tured our attention? And in Catholics one marvels at Moore's knowledge of dogma

old and new.

I Am Mary Dunne seems to me to be the weakest of the five, almost a dry run for The Doctor's Wife. I think it is

the particular east coast charac-

ters who are no more interest-ing than their real-life counter-

parts. But Pergus, with its Californian setting has strong links with The Great Victorian Collection. In both novels dreams and hallucinations play a major role, and both show the

few days ago.

Barry Norman

mough he were computed medical case study, it is frighteningly apparent after a few chapters that the pictures of madness they are sketching will simply not stay within their frames.

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David Reed may rationally engage our sympathy and intelligence when he discusses the pros and cons of Laingian treatment, when he describes his decision to withdraw Anna

Spells of

madness

Anna, by David Reed. (Penguin, 70p)

Breakdown, by Stuart Suther-land (Paladin, £1.25)

These accounts of mental ill-

ness still make terrifying read-

have received, their serializa-

tion, their employment as argu-

ments in the battle between different schools of psychiatry

has hardly dulled their impact.

They both tell alarming stories: Professor Sutherland describes a mental breakdown

so unexpected and severe that it was able to tear away almost

ing. The public attention they this feeling of frame-slipping,

from hospital rather than about the state of such desired with the subsequent to cope with his subsequent allowing ber to have ECT fully from its spell.

Lauric Taylor

own engulfment, than the in-ability of such courageous wit-

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Ion Trewin

his health." Her spirits, you perceive, "the novellist of the City", she were excellent. Nearly forgotten now, but described office than in mestate agent's office than in mestate agent's frather alarmingly by her writes from a world in which American editor, E. F. Bleiber, young clerks get £20 a year; as "the best distaff writer of in which a country medicart phost stories", her collection picks up letters from the great is firmly for collectors: those house at 10 pm; and in which who, like Montague Summers, London has its pea-soup fogs, can accept practically anything mod in Smithfield is a foot which is never made clear he details, her efforts to convince resigns his fellowship. He herself that all is well becomes a clerk in a dingy ("maybe Kevin was rubbing civil service department, lives her back to warm her before in a grey bed-sit with his plain and virginal sister ("We bed"), all this is sensitively had fish fingers and chips and Lyons individual fruit pies "). The ex-tutor also resigns (his reasons are even more obscure) and re-emerges 20 years later as a rich and newsworthy distantly through a window is international civil servant and Important Person. He has

George Beneath a Paper

tress of a companion who gulps her food noisily behind

outstretched copies of the Financial Times. George is a

clown, so Miss Bawden is dis-pensed from the need to show

penetrating insights into his character. And indeed she does not do so. Instead she provides an afternoon of light but skil-

ful entertainment spiced with the faintest trace of a story which is not great fiction but

is occasionably superb comedy.
Françoise Sagan's Scars on
the Soul is a novel about Fran-

coise Sagan writing a novel about two empty-headed Parisian hedonists. Chapters describing the doings of the hedonists alternate with those

countess now and a happy wife and mother".

Dear Mrs Riddell: dear dis-taff writer. I am sure everyone would forgive her at she had

indeed invented that per-forated stranger, with "the ferelight gleaming through the

J. C. Trewin

hole in the body

Important Person. He has remarried, but Burde makes short work of thest. He seduces the second wife. After some Moon by Nina Bawden is a story told with wit larded with further self-consciously emoa heavy dose of cynicism.
George is a travel agent living
with his grandmother and her
foul mouthed retired schoolmistional scenes they go for a walk by the Thames and she is

carried away to her death by the flood. It will be apparent that the I am told (I wouldn't know) story has as much connexion hat male novelists are incapthat male novelists are incapable of describing a woman's with any recognizable reality thoughts. Their works are populated by cardboard women. These novels illustrate the converse proposition. They are all written by women, and they are all, to a greater or lesser degree, populated by cardboard men. They therefore have much more in common than the banal fact of their simultaneous appearance in paperback.

Iris Murdoch's A Word man's emotions and all of Child is the most revealing them, for that reason among case. Its central character, one Hilary Burde is an improved to portray a man's emotions and all of them, for that reason among others, are more successful.

and ambitious ex-grammer Huth, the principal male school boy and the neurotic character is a mere voice off-suicidal hero of one of the stage, a busy civil servant, sillier novels of Stendhal. He obliged to spend long meriting the stage of the spend long the spend long meriting the spend long the spend lo eminence by getting a scholarship to Oxford and, subsequently, a fellowship of his college. There he seduces the nymphomaniac wife of his ex
nymphomaniac wife of his exnymphomaniac wif tutor. After some rather self- makes this unremarkable tale consciously emotional scenes remarkable is that the disinge-(she has become pregnant by gration of the marriage is her husband) they go out for a observed through the curious, drive and he drives her into an distressed eyes of the eightoncoming car. She is killed. He year-old daughter. The child's survives and for some reason minute observation of telling

describing Sagan's unsuccessful efforts to breathe into them a trace of life. The ultimate point of a writer's narcissism really has been reached when her novels become the subject cannot penetrate the minds of real ones, it is perhaps just as well that they should write about those things which are most familiar to them. form in hardback (Heinemann,

into art. The names that fill £7.50) but also individually in paperback from Panther: The Jewel in the Crown and The Towers of Silence (50p each); The Day of the Scorpion (75p) and A Division of the Spoils (£1.50). But Staying On which is available in hardback (H-ine-mann, £3.90) will not be pub-lished in properhead until Staying On, the novel that brought Paul Scott the prize, also happens to be almost

the pages are the authors that have crowded the Cape list for 50 years: T. E. Lawrence, H. G. men who gave the firm its own character—as special, as literate and as recognizable as Faber

But here, too, are Cape and his partner Wren Howard, the pub-lishers; Edward Garnett and Daniel George, the editors, the

Wells, Ernest Hemingway, Arthur Ransome, Ian Fleming. locomotive dreamed into existalso happens to be almost a codicil to a group of four previous novels, now known collectively as the Raj Quartet.

These are available in omnibus rates also beautiful as factory turned in the co-founder, tells the story superbly. No publishing history turned has been done better.

Jonathan Sumption

effects on individuals of manipulation by big business. One wonders just how much Moore is expressing a personal frustration.

The Great Victorian Collection is an idea out of H. G. Wells: assonishing Victorian artefacts—art, furniture, even a South Eastern and Chatham

> ence in a motel parking lot and displayed like some Olympia exhibition. Here is Brian Moore at his best, totally in control of his invention.

THE ARTS

Le nozze di Figaro Covent Garden

William Mann

What the conductor does in a performance of Mozart's Nozze di Figaro is always vital, but usually is not discussed in a review until the happenings on stage have been described. There are several cast-changes in the current Covent Garden revival of John Copley's pro-duction, now six years old, but chief interest centres on the conductor. For he is Karl Böhm, especially revered as an interpreter of Mozart, and he returned on Thursday to Covent Garden where he last conducted in 1936 as music direc-tor of the visiting Dresden State Opera (one of his operas then was Figuro), and was now making his debut with our Royal Opera which did not come into being until later.
In his eighties Böhm is still spry on his feet; on the ros-

application of physical energy must be a lesson to the youn-gest students of conducting, particularly his tiny but dyna-mic bear, his restrained and always significant use of the left hand and arm, and his canny knowledge of when to sit and when to raise himself for maximum effect on his players. The Royal Opera's orchestra played for him like persons possessed, the sonority nungent and closely contained, the articulation and detail a treat to hear, for example in Bartolo's "Vendetta" aria, Bartolo's "Vendetta" aria, usually remarked only for the singing (Robert Lloyd did not make very much of it, though his toothless, doddering and dogged characterization held

attention), and in the tingling
"Cosa sento" trio.
Some of Böhm's tempi were eisurely (be is not a dawdler he nature, but a conductor who knows when music needs to hreache and be cleanly articulated) but always they made the music more appreciable, even if the singers were taxed (as the Counters, Teresa Zylis-Gara, was in "Porgi, amor" which turned glutinous on her concerted vocal ensembles, a major glory of Figaro, did not fizz, as they should and per-hans will in later performances. There were a couple of curi-ous, not obviously motivated

Bradshaw/Bennett Wigmore Hall

Joan Chissell

Piano duets no matter whether one keyboard or two, are usually more rewarding to play than to listen 12. Usually, but not always. Thursday's four-handed programme from Susan Bradshaw, and Richard Rodney Bennett, was a notable exception. Though two pianes were tion. Though two pianos were involved, ensemble was close enough to have misled a blindfolded listener into thinking it all to have come from two

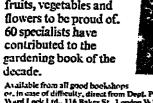
As for the music played, everything was in the nature of a collector's piece. Or should it be said a collector's pair of pieces? For only the last work, Percy Grainger's delightfully unpredictable fantasy on Porgy and Bess stood alone. Te begin with there was Lord Berner's 1920 Rowlandson-inspired Ports-mouth Point (originally intended for a ballet) which Bennett himself had arranged for two pianos to precede a Similar arrangement of Sir less in terms of William Walton's own Siesta, Cunning, yes, though all too revealing as to why only one of these two Englishmen lives to sive advocacy.

Canon, Op. 56 came next. Since arranged for two pianos by Debussy, they were artfully counterbalanced in the recital by the Frenchman's own suite, En Blanc et Noir. While romantically attuning the interpre-tation to the French movement headings, these duettists still cleverly emphasized every point of contrapuntal cunning in Schumann's academic exercises. In Debussy's suite they responded boldly to contrasts of mood and with great finesse to subtleties of texture.

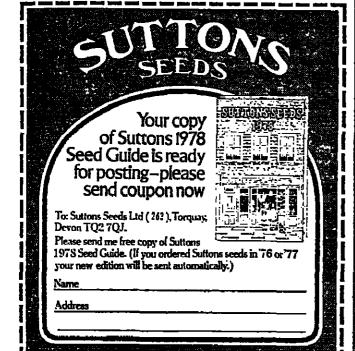
Last but not least the programme included two first performances, Richard Rodney Bennett's Kandensky Varia-As the title betrays Bennett's work was directly in-spired by pictures, or rather musical connotations, of their names. Yet despite its osten-sible abstraction, the Saxton-piece challenges attention no less in terms of keyboard col-our. Both are made up of con-tinuous sections. Neither work could have had more persua-

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ritenuti, the one in Almaviva's aria too late to allow Thomas Allen to articulate clearly the florid triplets which baffle most baritones in the part. Basic appognaturas were in short supply; the old, I think dramatically implausible, order for the third act was used. Böhm's return to Covent Garden was, and is, an occasion for rejoic-

Thinking back over the bund-reds of thousands of words I

have read about house plants, I now realize how little emphasis

has been placed upon the desir-

ability of not moving a plant if it has found a spot in the home where it is happy. To be honest, I had not realized myself

how important it is not to move plants about. In my old farm house the

warm.
The plants have never been

almost down to the bottom of

the stem.

And thinking of rubber plants you may remember I mentioned

some months ago, that the house plant firm of Rochfords

had offered to give 4p for every ficus plant they sold in July and August to the Tree Council in support of the tree planting

campaign. As a result a cheque

One of the most important sets

of drawings to come on the art

market for some time is a

corpus of over 60 illustrations

by Fragonard for Ariosto's

Orlando Furioso. They are now

for sale at Agnew's, where they will be exhibited together

These drawings, mostly exe-

later next year.

Operagoers who are able to travel abroad may hardly credit mat Hermann Prey was singing Mozart's Figuro in the Royal Opera House for the first time; but then, the part is almost Sir Geraint's personal property at home. Prey is a serious, hottempered valet, constrained by anxiety from exhibiting his exuberance which erupts marvellously at the moment in the garden when he recognizes his wife under her mistress's costume, and throws his that and clock away in an excess of uninhibited joy. His Italian was faulty, likewise his respect for note-values (others in the cast sinned no less).

Thomas Allen's Almaviva, quite new to me, is moving towards a portrayed that may fly as high as his superb Don Giovauni: at present his Count offers more in the acting than the singing, which sounded shy in projection—the interrogation of Figaro about the mysterious document was vividly communi-cated. Teresa Strates's Susanna is by no means unfamiliar but as captivating as ever, limitless in resource, much the most interesting person on stage, and a lovely singer; her voice may sound too wiry for some tastes, her flashing-eyed, wildcat, amor-ous bride too emotional or too comic, but I love it, and she inspires her colleagues whenever she is ou stage, as also must Agnes Balta's sultry, im-petuous Cherubino.

Mr Copley is still in charge

of his production, and still has new ideas for it. The scene with the chair in the first act is now exquisitely manneuvred. likewise the rearranged contre-tempts of the Count, Cherubino and Figaro in the last finale (a floral tribute instead of a kiss, for instance). But Susanna's guitar accompaniment to "Voi che sapete" needs watching, as does the behaviour of communication in the behaviour of servants in the presence of their employers, not to mention Figure's inaccu-rate measuring in the first number of the opera.

cuted in a combination of chalk, pen and ink and brown wash, are among Fragonard's most astonishing virtuoso creations and were made late in his career, probably after 1780, for an edition of the Orlando tell the quayside tale (what comparative land-lubbers those earlier roisterers are).
Schumann's Six Studies in Furioso which never appeared. After Fragonard's death in 1806 they remained at Grasse where they were kept by the artist's family until they sold the complete set in the mid-nineteenth-century to the great collector of French eighteenth century act, Hippolyte Walfer-din. At Walferdin's sale in 1880 dm. At Wasterdin's sale in 1880
they were bought by Louis
Roederer of Rheims and were
again dispersed in 1923, when
a large number were acquired
by Dr A. S. W. Rosenbach of
Philadelphia; since 1947 they
have belonged to an anonymous

American collector. The remainder are now scat-tered in various private and public collections in America, tions and Robert Saxton's Son-tatas for two pianos, both com-pleted earlier this year, the sion from this duo with funds provided by the Arts Counand it is very much to be hoped that the major French museums will take this oppor-tunity to fill their lacunae in Fragonard drawings, many of which—apart from the superb series collected by the architect series collected by the architect Pierre Adrien Paris who bequeathed them to his native Besaucon—are still in private

> Although most of the Ariosto drawings were published in an excellent volume by Elizabeth Mongan, Philip Hofer and Jean Seznec (London, 1945), they are still remarkably little known and rank among Fragonard's most outstanding graphic

Fragonard was admirably equipped to illustrate Ariosto's great epic poem. He had an instinctive narrative and dramatic gift which sent him straight to the core of a literary text. He also prepared illustrations for editions of Don Quixote, La Fontaine's Contes and for an obscure eighteenth-century didactic novel, Mme de Genlis Les Veillées du Château, but these also were never published

in book form and have never leen properly studied. Unlike his friend and con-Unlike his friend and con-temporary artist Hubert Robert, with whom he first travelled in Italy in 1759-1760 under the patronage of the Abbé de Saint-Non, Fragonard did not have the advantage of a strong liter-ary background but, more im-portant, he possessed a superabundant imagination and creative power which enabled creative power which enabled bim to translate Ariosto's text with incredible ease. The result is wonderfully sparse and luminous drawings which have all the clarity of a poetic image.

Born in 1732 in the small Provençal town of Grasse, set amid olive groves and cypresses, ragonard shared some of the same Mediterannean tempera-ment and neritage with the Italian Renaissance poet, for whom he seems to have felt an instinctive sympathy. Both urtist and writer delight in clear visual imagery, in effects of light and shade playing on human forms, and in sunlight, water and dark clumps of trees. There seems little doubt that Fragonard had read Ariosto in the original Italian, probably in or around 1760 when, in the company of Saint-Non and Hubert Robert, on the invitation of the Duke of Modena, he spent an idyllic summer theoretics in the second of the second of

sketching in the gardens of the Villa d'Este at Tivoli. It may well have been Saint-Non who introduced Fragonard to the works of Ariosto, and it is quite possible that the original conception of these illustrations dones from that time, although quine clearly the breadth and freedom of treatment in these drawings relates them to the allegorical compositions of the 1780s like the

Westminster, London. The subject will be "The Trees in our Gardens and How They Came". There is no charge for admission but, as accommodation is limited, applications for rickets should be made as soon as pressible in

spots were too draughty for all but the toughest of them. It was not until Frances Perry and I were married and I moved to Enfield that I saw convincing evidence that leaving plants in the same position pro-duces excellent results. My wife has had for years codiaeums (crotons), a scindapsus, a Ficus benjamina and African violets in a bedroom which is by no means humid nor is it kept very A most welcome book to be ublished next week is Plants moved from the positions they occupy—two codiseums on top of the television set are extremely handsome still with leaves

Gardening

Leave it where it is

for more than £2,000 has been meaningful, not just decoration ted with ground cover plants. She fears that the plants would mot receive enough moisture. Society's Christmas lecture for Society's Christmas lecture for ticularly attractive are the young people interested in colour reproductions of the gardening will be given this year by Mr Alan Mitchell of the Forestry Commission on Thursday December 29 at 2.30 pm in plants for a cool shady position.

I like particularly the solder day December 29 at 2.30 pm in the lecture room of the society's new hall in Greycoat Street,

places where one could stand pot plants in a reasonably good light were limited and several be made as soon as possible to:
The Secretary, The Royal
Horicultural Society, Vincent
Square, London, and they will
be dealt with in order of
receipt. While adults may
accompany children, it must be remembered that the lecture is geared to appeal to young people of school age.

for Ground Cover by Graham Stuart Thomas (Dent £8.95). This is a completely revised edition and it is an even more valuable work of reference than valuable work of reference than the first edicion. Every aspect of using plants as ground cover is dealt with and many useful the are those concerned with the control of weeds until the ground covering plants take over the job themselves.

The illustrations both in colour and monochrome are the first plant of the ground covering plants take over the job themselves.

The illustrations both in colour and monochrome are on ground which has been plantaged as the first plantage of the property toring a low mat or silvery toting and in the spring covers itself with white flowers. Cuttings root easily in a mix of one part sand and three parts peat.

Incidentally, a reader has queried my suggestion that one could use black plastic sheeting to suppress annual weed growth.

I like particularly the golden and green Hosta fortunei Albopicta', H. crispula with wavy green leaves edged with white and the blue-green H. sieboldiana 'Elegans' which Graham Thomas says is "the most sump-tuous of the hostas". There is too an imposing picture of a large spread of Hebe (Veronica) pinguifolia 'Pagei', which to my mind is an excellent and much neglected plant in its own right also as a ground coverer. It was much used by the late Patrick Moran in his ground cover plantings on the London Transport railway embank-ments. It is impervious to neglect; I had plants at Hurtmore perched up on a wall, in a stone sink and in a part of the rock garden where they hardly ever received water in a dry spell and yet they flourished. It

forms a low mat of silvery fol-iage about six inches high and in the spring covers itself with white flowers. Cuttings root easily in a mix of one part sand

but she need have no fears because some water obviously penetrates to the roots of the plants through the holes in the plastic into which the plants have been inserted and in any case soil moisture does move sideways. If this were not so street trees and plants growing against walls with their roots under paving would not thrive. Naturally when the ground cover plants have taken over

the plastic cover is removed. It will be interesting to see how true this year will be the old weather saying. "Ice in November to bear a duck there'll be nowt to follow but slush and muck."
This of course does not mean

that want the slush end much there may not be some pretty cold weather but the ancients believed presumably after years of observation that cold weather in November presaged a mild winter. It certainly did a mild winter. It certainly did not work out that way in 1962-63 when the weather turned cold in November and stayed that way until March.

Still forewarned is forearmed they say and I have been check-ing carefully the Diplex frost warning instrument. This con-sists of two mercury filled tubes, rather like a maximum-

sists of two mercury filled tubes, rather like a maximumminimum thermometer.

There is a small plastic reservoir which is kept filled with soft water—rain water, boiled

water or water obtained when you defrost the refrigerator. There is a wick that connects with the bulb of one of the thermometer tubes and keeps it wet. It is a more sophisti-cated version of the old wet bulb/dry bulb thermometers we used to determine atmospheric humidity.

Anyway, if at sunset the wet bulb mercury column is lower than in the dry bulb tube we may expect a frost in about five hours.

Of course at this time of year we may expect frosts at any time but a frost warner in April or May, or in September or October can be of inestimable value.

This instrument costs £8.10 including VAT. It should be obtainable in the shops, but in case of difficulty write to Diplex Ltd, PO Box 172, Watford, Herts.

Jobs for December Assuming that the weather is kind, we should press on with cleaning up leaves, cutting down herbaceous plants, clearing weeds from beds and borders and in the case of herbaceous beds in the case of herbaceous beds in the case of herbaceous beds and the case of herbaceous beds for the case of the case of the case of herbaceous beds and the case of herbaceous beds are the case of herbaceous the case of herbaceou baceous beds or borders fork-ing a dressing of about four ounces of bonemest to the square yard into the top few inches of soil.

Cover any tender plants like fuchsias, newly planted camel-lias, nerine and Amaryllis bel-ladonna bulbs with a 6in layer

of peat, leaves, bracken or straw. Do not, of course, cover the canellia plants—only the ground for 18in around the plants.

Have ashes, grit or salt ready in case we have snow and ice on steps or sloping paths or drives

Check all tubers or corms of potatoes, dahlias, begonias or gladioli in store every two weeks and remove any showing signs of rotting. Check apples or pears similarly. Pemember an unheated shed or garage is not frost proof, peither is

Check bulbs of tulips, daffo dils or hyaciaths growing in pots or bowls plunged outdoors and if they are far enough advanced bring them indoors.

Prune apple and pear trees Spray them with a suitable winter wash—a sar oil spray choosing a dry windless day if possible.

Send mowers or other machinery and tools such as shears for servicing or shears for sharpening.

Buy an aerosol pack of \$600, the plastic spray to treat Christmas trees, holly and ity decorations to keep them from shedding their needles or the evergreens from shrivelling.

Roy Hav

Collecting

Fragonard's poetic images



Orlando laments the death of Bradimarte"

Fountain of Love in the Wedlace Collection, which has much of the same visionary quality as the Ariosto series. The reason why the projected edition of the Orlando Furioso never saw the light of day has not been explained, but it may well be that Fragonard's art broke so far away from the conventional bounds of literacy illustration as to make their publication nacricai

imprectical.

Nor would Fragonard's drawings have translated easily into the more precise art of engraving. They have too much epic sweep and grandeur to have fated into the usual eighteenth-century pattern of book illustration in the vignet set even of Cochin Murrau legist even del cochin book illustration in the vignettist style of Cochin, Moreau le
Jeune and Eisen. They can,
therefore, be appreciated out
of their bibliographical context,
as individual works of art equal
in creative power to the text
which inspired them.

It is, however, helpful to an understanding of Fragonard's narrative talents to see the drawings in relation to the original poem, which they follow chosely. Ludovico Ariosto (1474-1533) was official court poet to the Duke Alfonso d'Estre of Farrara. His greatest work. the Orlando Furioso, first appeared in 1516 and was republished in a final, revised distribution in 152 to be of controlled to the control published in a final, revised edition in 1532. It is a Christian epic in verse along similar lines to Tasso's Gerusalemme Liberata (which was also illustrated by Fragonard in two splendid early paintings, Rinaldo in the Gardens of Armida and Rinaldo in the Enchanted Forest), and relates the heroic struggle hetween the nowers of Christianity tween the powers of Christianity and paganism, and the conflict-ing interests between love and religious ellegiance. Ariosto himself defined the subject of

Le donne, i cavalieri, l'arme, gli amori. Le cortesie, l'audaci imprese

his poem:

(I sing of women and knights, arms and loves, courtesies and dearing deeds.)

This is the reason why Ariosto's text and Fragmard's drawings are liberally strewn with dead warriors, fainting, love-fora women, gallant knights rescuing maidens in distress, and all the parapherusia of the chiraltense tradition which tradition which

Ariosto treats with irony but genuine affection. One of the finest examples in this vein is the drawing Orlando and his Knights lamenting the Death of Brandimarte (No 136) in which the hero pays homage to a fellow warrior slain in battle : mass of inert armour lying diagonally across the ground.

diagonally across the ground.

The heroine of the epic is Angefica, an Oriental enchantress, who lures Orlando away from his Christian duty and, by her final marriage to the Moorish page Medoro, drives Orlando insane with jealousy and unrequited love, Hence the ritle Orlando Furioso, athuding to the poem's twin themes of Love and Folly, which Fragonard portrayed in au allegorical frontispiece (now in Besançon) for the projected edition showfor the projected edition show-ing Ariosto, crowned by laurels seated on a stone bench and gazing intently at his two Muses

perched on a round table. It was no doubt this proto-Romantic conception of love as a kind of divine frenzy which attracted Fragonard to the poem for although the artist is usually identified with light, frivolous evoticism and was dubbed "the Cherubino of evotic painting" by the Goncourt brothers, these drawings are inspired by a passionate ardour quite foreign to the spirit of the Rocco.

Their dominant characteris.

Their dominant characteris-tics are dash and imperuous tics are dash and imperious movement, conveyed by rapid, cursive strokes of chalk Human figures and shapes are rarely explicitly delineated, rather conjured up out of a vortex of curves and circles and blurred by the brown wash which Fragonard applies in the fapresto manner of the decorative painting he had studied in painting he had studied in

Naples and Venice. Everything in these drawings is in perpetual motion, Forms almost seem to explode out of the paper as they down to and fro, drawn as if by magnetic force. Knights challenge each ravished by the pagen enemy, as in Sacripante is foiled while attempting to ravish Angelica (No 6). But charity is never for a moment sacrificed to mere meaning is always legible.

hise No 19 Attante mounted on the hippogryph swoops down on Bradamante and its sequel No 21 showing Atlante vanquished by Bradamante, in which the dead warrior spraws on the ground while the mysterious hippogryph flies off into the

Most of the action in these drawings takes place against a bare background, but occasionally, as in No 82, Orlando imagines he sees Angelica beseeching help, a heavy Baroque seeching neep, a nearly barroque architectural framework serves to emphasize the operatic, supernatural quality of the event as the hero, sword in hand, catches sight of his beloved leaning over the balcony above. (Si sente richiamar da ana finestra, E leva gli occhi. Canto XII.)

The impassive statue on its central pedested seems to act as the stern arbiter between Orlando and the sketchily drawn object of his fantasy, and to remind him of the impossibility of his desires. This drawing might almost be appropriate as an illustration for the scenery an illustration for the scenery of Don Giovanni. Fragonard seems consistently fond of the hieratic, Neo-Classical pattern of figures invoking other symbolic or semi-mystical figures raised on a pedestal, for this type of arrangement recurs in the equally striking drawing Melissa leads Astolfo and Rug-ziero to Logistilla (No 62), and clearly relates these drawings to such late allegorical composi-tions as the Fountain of Love (Wallace Collection), Plutarch's Dream (Rouen), the Sacrifice of the Rose (Wildenstein No 497) and Les Peine: d'Amour (Or léans)

Although the source and meaning of these works is often obscure, they all share the same intense visionary character as the Ariosto drawings and evoke states of mind heightened by imagination and desire.

Fragonard, in fact, osto, has an instinctive love Ariosto, has an instinctive love of allegory and one of the most beautiful of all the drawings, St Michael finds Silence at the Gates of the House of Sleep (No 108), provides the perfect visual embodiment for the abstract qualities Silence and Obliviou evoked in the line from Canto XIV of the poem: "Il Silencio va interno e fa la scorta". (The figure is seen with a gesture indicating silence and a gesture indicating silence and is gently leading the arch-angel down the steps of the inn. The sound of battle has momentarily died down, and Fragonard has created the ideal pictorial equi-valent for Ariosto's words in the zently curving outline of these two interlocking figures who personify mystery and silence.)

This ability to portray the whole range of drama and human emotion, through fantasy and satire to the epic and lyric, from heroism and romance to tender, quiet contemplation, is characteristic of I ragonard throughout his work and the one quality which raises him far above most of his sighteenth-century contempor-

The last word should be left to his friend the Abbé de Saint-Non, who so perceptively divined Fragonard's gifts when he wrote to his brother M de ka Breteche: "M Fragonard is all ardour; his drawings are so numerous that one cannot wait for the next; they delight me. I find a kind of magic in them,"

Although Saint Non was probably not referring to the illustrations in question, his words could hardly be more apt for the Ariosto series which mark other to duels and girls are a climax in Fragonard's career and in the history of French eighteenth-century graphic art.

David Wakefield

The author is an art historian virtuosity and the illustration's and author of a recent book on

Christmas gifts Acceptable art

Fragonard's highly developed dramatic sense, which he acquired parely from his experience of the Neapolitan Opera, is most conspicuous in drawings ilke No 19 Atlante mounted on the hippogryph succept succept walle in the hippogryph succept succept and watercolours and watercolours provide a last in an open-air heel-ber, a will the recipient value it.
Nineteenth-century sketches
and watercolours provide a
case in point, and a number of
London's fine art dealers are
marking the season with informal exhibitions of small, decorative examples priced at well
below what they might fetch at
less festive rimes. less festive times.

Outside the trade, most people tend anyway to overestimate the cost of such bargains. "Only 15 years \$20", says Mr William Drummond, owner of the admirable Covent Garden Gallery in Russell Street, WC2, "an astute present-seeker could buy a small Rowlandson or an Edwin Landseer for under £50. Even Landseer for under £50. Even today, he may be surprised to light on a signed watercolour by Charles West Cope, say, or a monkey picture by Edwin's brother Charles, for much the

Watercolours by both these artists are among 200 or more eighteenth, nineteenth and early twentieth century pictures—chiefly landscapes and
marine, enimal or genre subjects—which Mr Drummond
will be showing until
Christmas, Many are topographical and provide excellent
opportunities for present-hunters. Ar £35, what barrister
from Essex Court (no 5, to be
precise) could resist a careful early twentieth-century ecise) could n little watercolour exactly depicting his chambers' doorway in 1882? Do Lord Ckark's friends presume to give him pictures for Christmas? If so, a romantic view of Saliwood Castle, painted about 1850 and priced at £40, might be a safe choice for the landing.

A little watercolour, painted in 1840 by an unknown artist at Eastnor Castle in Herefordshire, shows a tabby kitten with its head poked through a hole in the bottom of its bas-ket and its tail trailing out of the top. Captioned "A Catthe top. Captioned estropise", a repr estrophe", a reproduction might once have adorned the local grocer's calendar. Now that groters no longer send calendars, the framed original begs to be bound in red ribbon and set at the foot of a Christmas tree. It is priced at

Just as funny, if less univer sally appealing, is the gouache of a far Outh landowner, probably male, at the Harnoll & Eyre gallery in Duke Street, St James's. Rublessly portrayed by a Lucinow ertist in about 1810, this androgymous zamin-dar, ancestor of Osbert Lancas-ter's Miss Arab World, may be seen until December 2 in the gallery's Christmas exhibition, happily entitled "The Great Indian Bazaar".

The same exhibition includes

bride peeps coyly from be-tween the curtains of an amazing scarlet palanquin, an acro-bat balances on a filmsy banboo pole and fires his blunder-buss at the moon, a pompous muliah trundies smugly home after a hard day at the mosque. Prices range from 530 to 550, unframed.

Several other gaileries are olding informal "Christmas bolding informal "Christmas hangs". Agnew's of Bond Street open theirs on December 1; it will include a set of soft blue London water colours, mostly of the parks, painted by Thomas Clarke in the 1830s (about £50 each) and a number of tiny sporting a number of tiny sporting prints by Henry Alken—witty, brillianth observant and b colourful (about £35).

rolourful (about £35).

From December 5, the Jeremy Maas gallery in Clifford Street, W1, will show a series of finely drawn Australian flower paintings executed by Charles Dicker in the 1890. (from £30). The exhibition will also include some pretty Themes watercolours painted by Percy Robertson at the cura of the century—a glimpse of bluebell woods at Numban bluebell woods at Nuneham Courtenay (£65) is especially eye-catching; and for those who like small pictures by big names there will be Leighton (about £40).

Up the nearby stairs at 3 Cork Street, starting on Op the nearby stairs at 3
Cork Street, starting on
November 28, the Andrew
Wyld gallery will be showing a
number of modestly priced
sketches and watercolous
from the eighteenth and nine
teenth centuries. They include an attractive pencil drawing of a top-hatted gentleman by Charles Keene (Whistler called him "the greatest English artist since Hogarth") with a thumball portrait of the artist in the corner (£55).

Richard Sachs

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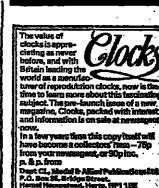
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Fairytale country

thelves of books containing the through the window to the fire rairy stories of Hans Christian brigade in a composed manner. Now just try saying thout every language in the would you please help me, I am an English tourist. (or, for Jdense, you see, is Andersen's that matter. "Vil De Venligst." Andersen, translated into just thour every language in the sarry tale reading world. Odense, you see, is Andersen's hirthglace; and, like many other ourists. I was paying homage thrine. Until the small and aggressive American schoolboy and popped up, I had been tently wandering from room to the available in the summer of 1978. com without a care in the world. I recall relling the little ellow that enviling read broughout the world cannot be lismissed as "junk", and noved off to look at the other while With gring determine. achibits. With grim determinaexhibits. With grim determina-ion and a sneer he tagged along noting sharply that indersen's portraits did not ook anything like Danny Kaye. I was beginning to des-pair when we came to a room containing some of the writer's

personal possessions—including is travelling kir. There, in a nation was a nearly coiled ength of stout rope.

Andersen, you see, had a real fear of being trapped in a grange house or hotel bedroom of fire, so wherever he went he took his rope along, so en-suring an escape through an upstairs window if the need

some reason this turned he Denish writer into a "real mant guy" as far as the roung American was concerned. Ie thoroughly enjoyed the rest ie inordigaty enjoyed the rest if his morning and was waving tappily as his sightseeing pach pulled away. On its side was written "Fairytale Tours". If you have three days to pare next time you are in lopenhagen, those "Fairytale ours" set out regularly round he circuit from early May until ate September. They take in a lew castles and museums as well is the fascinating town of Lego-land at Billund in Jutland. This is a town in miniature, on a 30,000 square feet site, built mairely of Lego blocks. The hree day tour next year will ost 1,228 kroner which, at present the context years are sent to the context years.

> inglish, with disturbing effect. only official notice I n its first paragraph. But sec- coming increasingly popular ion six is surely what Hans among British fishermen, some n its first paragraph. But sec-

Once upon a time I was stand- Andersen had in mind when he Ince upon a time I was game. Anuersen nad in mind when ne ng in a small museum in the packed his rope. According to this town of Odense when what looked like a microscopic lames Cagney came wandering wer and asked, in a broad anterican accent, what I thought the corridor. Nor only that this junk. The junk he referred to were thelves of books containing the

1978.

DFDS, the company which runs ferry services from Har-wich and Newcastle to Denwich and Newcastle to Den-mark (and which will be in-troducing a service to Gothen-burg, Sweden, in 1978) is offer-ing a number of such holidays at prices which include the sea crossing with cabin accommo-dation and, where applicable, the cost of transporting a car.

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For those who want freedom,
a self-drive holiday from £181
lets you choose your own
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in different parts of the count. in different parts of the coun-try. All the reservations are made in advance for you and try. All the reservations are made in advance for you and the 10-day holiday gives you seven nights in Denmark. Like most other DFDS arrangements, this holiday can be extended. There is a 400-mile motoring tour from £160 and a two-centre holiday from £185, the latter giving you four nights at the Hotel Marina at Vedbaek on the northern outskirts of Copenhagen and three nights at the Munkebjerg Hotel, occupying a hiltop site Hotel, occupying a hilton site overlooking the Veile Fjord in Jurland. There are motoring holidays using traditional Danish inns, and self-catering holidays as well as the extremely popular fermhouse holidays. These have enjoyed considerable success and are considerable success and are based on farms in Judand and Funen. The basic holiday of 10 days with seven nights on a farm costs from £86 but can be extended. Remember, the prices I quote include the ferry fare and car transportation.

hree day tour next year will ost 1,226 kroner which, at preent exchange rates, is just overent exchange rates, is just overient exchange rates, including an attractive is the rate of its purpose. It is not the area including the Viking ship at Ladby, Funer illage open air museum and geskov Castle.

Just after I left Odense, incidentally, I fell to thinking about lans Andersen and his coil of ope, having read the fire emerates in the area including an attractive is the riding holiday—a week in Denmark from £19. You ride horses through the Jutland country-side, with overnight stops at tent camps. Non-riders may go on the holiday travelling in on the holiday travelling in the restrictions into Sweden and Norway and my overall impression of Denmark with excursions into Sweden and Norway and my overall impression of Denmark there is the riding that the properties of the car, then a number of holidays are available by sea and transportation.

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A young Dave cradles a goat at an Odense market

class, You should be able to obtain information about all these holidays from a travel agent,

of whom I met during my last or from DFDS at Mariner visit at Svostrup Kro, an old House, Pepys Street, London inn on the banks of the river EC3N 4BX. The Danish Tourist Gudena, a little north of Silke-Board is a source of general borg. They assured me that the information about the country, Sceptre House, 169/173 Regent Street, W1R 8PY.

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Clive Barnes/New York Notebook

Shylock revisited

One surefire element to warm up the cockles of Broadway's heart is what might be termed the Jewish play. In their very different ways two examples of the genre have just opened in New York, Arnold Wesker's The Merchant and William Gibson's Golda.

Looking first at the Wesker, by far the more considerable of the two, one is first prompted to ask: what would Shakespeare bave said. The question is neither frivolous nor irrelevant. In a very real way The Merchant is Mr Wesker's reply to Shakespeare, his exploration of Ehakespeare's antisemitism, itself fairly conventional for Elizabethan times, and his defence of Shylock. The very idea sizzles with lock. The very idea sizzles with possibilities. It is, after all, a question which every modern production of Shakespear's Merchant of Venice has had to face—how do you explain Shylock, or rather Shakes-peare's view of Shylock, to contemporary audiences? This indeed was Wesker's own point of departure—he considered a production of the play that would give Shylock, as it were, equal time.

such a course, the more impos-sible it seemed. Luckily for us Wesker, frustrated at making Shakespeare see dramatic reason, was spurred to write his own version of the play, which is how The Merchant came into being. It is useless to attempt any real comparison between Shakespeare and Wesker. The twin themes of the bond of a pound of flesh that Antonio gives Shylock and, as a sub-plot, the choice of caskets used to select a suitor for Portia, were, of Wesker, frustrated at making autor for Portia, were, of course, stolen by Shakespeare in the first place and, naturally, have now been appropriated by Wesker in the second.

The more he considered

In this fascinating gloss on Shakespeare, Wesker sees Shylock and the merchant, Antonio—Jew and Christian—as close friends, indeed loving friends, who would literally do anything for each other. It is anything for each other. It is a friendship strengthened by the prevailing antisemitism of Venice, a fact of their lives which both recognize but ignore. The bond itself—that terrible pound of flesh—is acching the above the company to the company nothing bur a harsh joke by Shylock, to show a mocking contempt for Venetian law, a law that insists that in any transaction between Jew and Christian a written bond must

Wesker's treatment of these Shakespearean themes is in its way fascinating. There are lovely resonances of the origi-

will not have pleas made on behalf of my humanity" Shy-lock's pride is for justice—so the consideration that in his way, he is as good as Gentile.

sees for the patronizing clap-trap it is. This, after a fallow period, is perhaps Wesker's finest play. No matter that his sense of period sometimes deserts him—so he has Shylock crying "I love it", or saying "Go down Shylock to the bottom of the class"—most of the writing is brilliant, with masterly sensibility. The director, John Dexter, helped by the happily vestigial settings and opulent costumes by Jocelyn Herbert, works wonders of directorial clarity and compression. The trial scene is a gem of staging, and the hurly-burly of the

Venice gheno is poencally evoked.

The acting, while at times almost dominated by the ghost of Zero Mostel, who should have played Shylock, swoops up to the occasion Joseph Leon's Shylock, proud, gentle, quizzical, is finely matched by Sir John Clement's splendid Antonio, with its clipped tones and patrician urbanity, and the gleaming intelligence of gleaming intelligence of Roberta Maxwell as Portia. The play raises issues and risks arguments and it teems with life as a consequence. It is regrettable that Broadway decided to reject The Merchant and that it closed after a hand-ful of performances.

almost disarmingly calls itself "a partial portrait". Partial it is. The humanization of history is often a debumanizing pro-is often a debumanizing pro-cess—and this is seems is what Mr Gibson has attempted and risked with this dramatic biography of that Israeli woman for the world, Golda Meir. Of course, here the play is not the thing—the thing is the portrait. For Mr Gibson is not merely showing us the playwright in the role of historian, but also the playwright in the role of historian, but also the playwright in the but also the playwright in the role of portrait painter.

nal play here—such as when Bassanio coldly contemplates the caskets, trying to second-guess the whimsical madness that led a father to let his daughter be thus won. Or again when Wesker at last quotes Shakesneare direct—the self, it seems, is everything. and the actress playing Golda sits still yet nervy. at the everyone around her like so much furniture. It is fortunate that the person doing the sit-guotes Shakesneare direct—the offering as it were the quotes Shakespeare direct—ting, offering, as it were, the with the "Has not a Jew impersonation, is that magnifieyes" speech, which he puts into the mouth of the play's unsympathetic character, only to have Shylock declare: "I transmitted through her or transmitted through her or mouth of the play's and most of what virtues the evening passess are either transmitted through her or transmitted through her or provided by her. She wanders on in a simple dress. A little stoop, a little limp, a head set on shoulders like a knowing bird, an impression enhanced by a wise beak-like nose. The eyes are sometimes glazed with pain, more often alive with the wayward humour of the world. The manner is wry and jounty, and the voice is dry with iro.ly, and hardened by a mix-ture of hope and suffering. A survivor's voice. A survivor's manner. Miss Bancroft pins her character to the stage with the deft accuracy of a carroom. What we see is both recogniza-bly Golda Meir but also a caricature of Miss Bancroft playing Golda—it is two-dimensional acting of consummate

The play ranges itself unti-dily around her. There is a theme—victory in the war and the events of that war are more or less, chronologically unfolded, as we get the answer to Golda's first question: to Golda's first question:
"How does a woman decide
between generals?" But
decide she does, and the
dramas of the war, Golda's
concern for life and for peace,
provide the running continuity of the play. From this base Mr of the play. From this base Mr Gibson makes commando raids into other territory—telling in flashbacks the story of Golda's life, and, for the two run parallel, the story of the founding in our time of the state of Israel. The story, or stories, Mr Gibson has to tell is, or are, noble enough in all conscience. Yet the telling is There is also plenty of life in Golda. The time is October 6, 1973. The place is Tel Aviv.

The event is the opening of the Yom Kippur war, and we have started with this new play by William Gibson which play? There is also a lack of the continuous of the play? There is also a lack of the continuous of the continuous of this play? play? There is also a lack of tension here, an absence of genuine insight, and too unrelenting a tone, perhaps derived from bustling events unfailingly met with ironic stoicism.

Nevertheless, Arthur Penn, with brilliant use of visuals, has staged this mosaic of familiar vignettes with vigour and a fluidity that almost apes the film the play should have been. Even so, for those wanting a view of the woman and her times deeper than sassy quips and obvious sentiment, Golda must be regarded as an The character of Golda her- opportunity missed.

Bridge

Fashions in bidding

ivery magazine continues to provide in its monthly b ompetition a question to which here is no satisfactory answer, thenever the problem arises in tribber where there is a partcore. The question-master does not understand that the score pust influence the choice of prening and response (I am assuming the absence of competitive bidding which adds to the complication) because a change of suit does not invarably convey more strength. beir answers, possibly because hey are tied to a system tevised for duplicate; but in he days when international comests were infrequent, there was more justification for difference of contains.

erences of opinion. I have selected a question rom the distant past because ; illustrates the inconsistency partners who do not agree ten a normal response disloses a minimum holding and re unable to be sure whether hey are expected to look for i slam. At game all, North outh 40, North the dealer has emanded a second response om his partner in the follow-

South holds A 10 6 V A Q 9 7 5 4 3 4 Q 7 2 and est assume his partner to hold irregular distribution such -1 (or conceivably 6-1-1) because he has opened with the lower-ranking major which indicates strength hile showing caution in keep-

ing down the bidding. nental question, on which a satisfactory answer must depend, is whether every bid must be regarded as encouraging. Can one of the partners sign off with a minimum repe-tition of his suit? It looks easy enough for South to rebid Three Diamonds. disregarding slam prospects but bidding between ensuring the rubber; if he is more ambitious he might raise to Three Spades. I cannot imagine that a jump to Four Diamonds will get him anywhere beyond driving North to find a third bid on a hand third broad in points.

which may be weak in points— where Three Spades would be passed our unless North held the OK or AA in addition to Of the 47 answers provided by the experts you will be sur-prised to know that 25 were Four Diamonds, 12 Three Diamonds, eight gave Three Spades and two replied Three Clubs. Even in those days there were players who fancied that any bidding problem could be solved by the "fourth suit forcing", although here its introduction is meaningless. Stranger still was the explana-tion of his support for Three Diamonds by an expert who seemed to regard a bid in every situation as forcing irrespective of the part-score: "No good rubber player will let me hang in Three Diamonds if our com-

ment, I regret to assert, is

of the bidding and will continue to bid constructively only if he visualizes his partner's holding. If South wishes to take charge he must bid either Three Spades which confirms North's suit, or jump to Four Diamonds, guaranteeing that he will not lose more than one trick in I always regard hands as demanding extra caution, and I should expect exchanges between them to die unless the key honours which are lacked by one partner are held by the other.

At this early period in the

development of system when every bid was regarded as proof of further strength, a 16-point No trump was de rigueur, and opening One Club could be weakest bid possible. It strongly on Three trumps, a raise which would be denounced today as incorrect because we have learnt to reckon our values meticulously. In the absence of conventional aids. gains contracts were frequently attempted with Seven trumps between declarer and part Perhaps they played the cards better than we do, because they continued to bid in this way until long after more scientific methods had been adopted. The next deal may carry some readers back more than a quarter of a century. (See next column.) North would normally have

bined hands will produce a slam somewhere." And that statehid One No trump and raised to Three No trumps ; but North South game; dealer 763

which were not fully under stood had begun to penetrate the London clubs and the auction took rhis form: North East South West 1 Club No 1 Spade 2 Dia 3 Spades No 4 Spades No No No

Having opened One Club and received a positive response North sought to give encourage ment towards game. Over the intervening Two Diamonds, he considered a single raise to be madequate because he held more than the minimum for such a bid. After hearing Three Spades and in the expec tation that North would be short South made the natural pro-gress to Four Spades and achieved what appears to be an impossible contract. West led the OK which South

three top trumps finding to his dismay that West held the long trump. His problem is to avoid the loss of both a diamend and a heart, which seems inevitable cause the clubs do not divide Declarer saw that be must persuade West to ruff one of East's tricks so that he could turn his trump into a tenth trick; he was helped by his count of West's hand.

allowed to win and followed with the Q on which East dis-

c. ded the 93. South took with the OA and cashed his

At trick five South led a heart to the OK, and he learnt that West had only two un-known cards; if these two cards were clubs he was home. He played ♣A, ♣K and led his smal club to dummy. West could not afford to ruff and discarded a diamond, so declarer played dummy's losing fourth club and discarded a diamond; East could only return a heart. West was again forced to duck his partner's lead, because he was otherwise using his trump to ceprive his partner of a winter. Declarer could now play and ruff dummy's losing diamond, and West was finally compelled to ruff his partner's trick.

Edward Mayer



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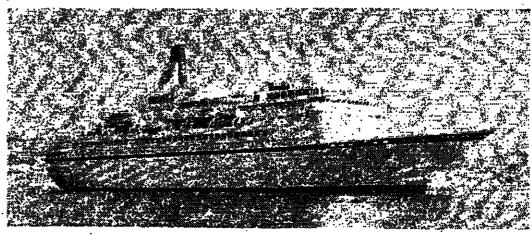
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How Mr Begin has changed the gun for the olive branch

Everyone who has been watchag the dramatic turn of events in the Middle East wants to know one thing about Mr Begin. What can be give away? Any kints that the Israel Prime Minister lets slip on his official visit o London, which begins with talks at Downing Street this evening, will be picked up and studied avidly around the world. It is certainly an extra-

ordinary change that the former Irgun terrorist leader, now in London as a Prime Minister, seems to hold the key to peace n his hands. The contrast beween the gun and the olive oranch could not be more com-

The key question, reviewing Mr Begin's attempt to respond in a positive way to the generous overtures made by President Sadat, is not, of course, peace with Egypt. As Israelis have often admitted, they have, in one obvious sense, no quarrel with Egypt.

Sinai does not have any mysopinion, notwithstanding its biblical association. In that sonse. Israel does not have, and never has bad, any emotional (as opposed to security) problem about returning Sinai to Egypt.

same considerations apply to the Golan Heights, even though the security question is very different. The narrowness of the land in question, and psychological attitude of Syria, makes negotiation much harder. All the same, Mr Begin does not face any overwhelming problem of sentiment in dealing with this area, either.

It is clear enough that the crux of his difficulties in drawing up a negotiating position concerns the West Bank, or as he refers to this area, Judea and Samaria. For Mr Begin, these names evoke a deep and mystical sense of Jewish history.

The Likud election manifesto seems, at first sight, to offer no chance of a compromise. It asserted Israel's moral claim to all of the "Land of Israel", and in particular emphasized that Judea and Santaria were regarded as an integral part of

Since becoming Prime Mini-ster, however, Mr Begin has taken a rather more political and less emotive view. This is



tical importance to Israeli Mr Menachem Begin: more political, less emotive.

cians, when faced with the practicalities of office, find that life looks somewhat different. In his first speech to the Knesser he spoke of putting an end to bloodshed by sitting down at the negotiating table—which at least implied he felt there are something to pegotithere was something to negotiate about—and in a radio interview last September he said specifically that the frontiers will be determined in negotiations between Israel and her neighbours. While this begs the question of a homeland for the Palestinians, it makes it clear that the West Bank is not re-

garded as sacrosanct. More significant, in elaborating these nuances, Mr Dayan, as Foreign Minister, has referred to the possibility of discussing the renewed division of the West Bank. It seems fair to conclude, since on these matters Mr Dayan speaks only after fully coordinating his position with Mr Begin, that the present Government would indeed be prepared to cede part of the West Bank-if a

settlement really hinged on it. Given these hints, some people who study Mr Begin's thought believe that his attitude the West Bank is more flexible than is generally appreciated, and that what he wants is to assert luraells' right to live and less emotive view. This is in the West Bank, not to hold hardly surprsing: most politi-

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QUARTZ CHRONOGRAPH.

land, which might then become a homeland for the Palestinians, he has already prepared the

By contrast, the problem of Jerusalem seems more manage able : for as a single city, rather than a whole territory, it is so much easier to devise ways of combining authority for dif-

In London, Mr Begin will not be revealing his hand in any direct way. He sees his viert as an opportunity to vindicate himself, to replace the reputation he has as a terrorise himself as a presenting himself as a

Britain has little direct inflaence on events in the Middle East, but in Israeli eyes, the British stand is important. Britain is in a position to influence opinion in the European Community and to moderate the hostile attitude, as Israelis see it, of France. Having enjoyed warm personal relations with the leaders of Israel's Labour Party, Mr Callaghan intends to put Mr Begin's past behind him in their tacks, and

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Strange how the City is being taken in by Labour

think of any reason why anyone should consider voting Conservelection. In terms of what Mrs Thatcher's Tories have to offer. we are adready served by about as good as conservative government as we are likely to get."

Thus Mr Joe Rogaly in a most interesting article published by the Financial Times on Tuesday. Mr Rogaly reflects tride widestrand river which The collectivist society, the corporate state, would soon become a reality, since we are half-way there already.

That would be the prospect

fairly widespread view which a tarry widespread view which has become particularly notice-able in the City, it is, I believe, a dangerous attitude. I say artitude, rather than assessment, because it seems to me to be ill-judged and superficial, not well reasoned.

True, Mr Rogaly does go on

to acknowledge the possibility (though he hardly appears to resist it with any great conviction) that "if Labour gets back with an overall gets back with an overall majority next time the con-straint of the pact with the Liberals will be flung aside, while the IMF will anyhow be sent off because of all that revenue from the North Sea. Then Labour will move towards full-fledged socialism . . . "

To coin a phrase, he can say that again. To the extent that one can be sure of anything, in life, we may suppose that this is what would happen. In all probability, and sooner coher than later, we would find ourselves exposed to the full canon of socialist doctrine with its vestly restrictive implications.

if enough of us were to succeed to the notion that a Callaghan (or Callaghan-like) administration is quire a good thing in conservative terms.

Mr Callaghan is an illusionist.

Given sufficient support, or popular acclaim, his acr would lead to something immeasur-ably different.

Allow Lebour another term with a working majority, and you will quickly see the real face of societism. Not even the "moderate"—the "Baldwinmoderate"—the "Baldwin-ian"—Mr Cellaghan would be able to dispuise its true features, if only because he

Yet in the City—and elsewhere—Mr Callaghan is prautising his art (or artfulness) with some success. All too many are being taken in by it. They are themselves deceived and their ready acceptance of his apparent "moderation" is de-luding others, as if the middle way, in Mr Harold Macmillan's phrase, was to be secured in perpetuity by upholding lames Callaghan.

The City is especially guilty, as I know from my own occasional (and otherwise congenial) excursions into its bank parlours and directors' dining rooms. As an entity, the City is so accomplished, and its confibution to the economy so vital, that one is surprised, not to say salarmed, by the political misjudgments to which its members seem so prone. They members seem so prone. They trade with all the world. They are often so wise in their com-mercial calculations. Yet un terms of domestic policy they are so often at sea.

support from the Torses we shall all pay a heavy price be-fore long—that is to sav all those of us who would prefer to live in a freer society than future Labour government

could be expected to sustain.

Something of the same regrettable tendency may have affected the by-election in Bournemouth last week. Of course the Tories did well. But where did they do best? They did best in wards formerly inclined towards the Liberals, not in traditional Tory wards. The City is especially guilty, Many Tories (it seems) held back Distilusioned Liberals, on the other hand, turned out to support the Conservative candi-

> There is an important lesdamentally opposed to socialism had better vote accordingly, and in the meantime behave accordingly. Otherwise they are liable to sell the pass. That is what it amounts to.

> Any Tories who may think that they have Labour over a

Who might succeed him? To my mind, one thing is barrel in the appalling affair of the Benn? Mr Shore? Neither is precisely conservative by guiled by Labour as to withhold ing themselves, as they will disconnected the conservative by guiled by Labour as to withhold ing themselves, as they will disconnected the conservative by guiled by Labour as to withhold ing themselves, as they will disconnected the conservative by guiled by Labour as to withhold ing themselves, as they will disconnected the conservative by guiled by Labour as to withhold ing themselves, as they will disconnected the conservative by guiled by Labour as to withhold ing themselves, as they will disconnected the conservative by guiled by Labour as to withhold ing themselves, as they will disconnected the conservative by guiled by Labour as to withhold ing themselves, as they will disconnected the conservative by guiled by Labour as to withhold ing themselves, as they will disconnected the conservative by guiled by Labour as to withhold ing the conservative by guiled by Labour as to withhold ing themselves, as they will disconnected the conservative by guiled by Labour as the conservative by guiled by the conservative by g

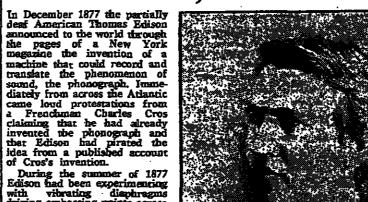
cover before long.
While it is true that things were going wrong in 1967, when Labour was in office, the worst excesses occurred between 1970 and 1974 under the last Conservarive Government. The earlier failings were as nothing com-pard with those of the latter period, the years of the scap-dalous property boom (or bubble) in which the Agents so recklessly allowed themselves to become enmeshed.

There was a lack of minic terial control. It is not as if ministers received no warning of the dangers inherent in what was going on : they were told, and have much to answer for

Only in one respect can the conceivably benefit from this disgraceful episode: is surely demonstrates that business is best left to businessmen. not to bureaucrats or politicians If the experience serves to curh the taste for public ownership it will have achieved some limited good.

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Edison, and the French phonograph connexion



During the summer of 1877
Edison had been experimencing
with vibrating disphragms
driving embossing points across
lampblacked paper. These lampblacked paper. These were experiments prompted by Bell's invention of the telephone on which Edison had worked. But they were also an obvious But they were also an obvious development from work carried out in 1857 by another Frenchman Leon Scott. Scott's work resulted in an apparatus called the phonautograph which employed a diaphragan and hog bristle to trace a record of sound vibrations onto a lamp-blacked surface. These researches were intended to attain a visual record of sound without any attempt being without any attempt being made to translate the patterns

Edison after experiments in his Menlo Park laboratory wrote in a notebook for July 1877 the following:—

Have tried experiment with a diaphragm having an embossing point and held against paraffin paper moving rapidly. The speaking vibrations are indented nicely and there is no doubt that I shall be able to store up and reproduce auto-matically and at any time the human voice perfectly.

The extract is typical of the confidence Edison had in his own and his staff's abilities. However, it was to be another four months before Edison could make a further note: I propose having a cylinder . . . 10 threads or embossing grooves to the inch . . . the cylinder 1 foot long.

This note, dated November, 1877, describes the phonograph in embryo.



Thomas Edison and his tinfoil phonograph: was he first?

after the event and annotated by another hand with the date August 12, 1877, has given cur-rency to this early date being accepted as the actual date of invention.

The discovery of the diaries of Charles Barchelor, an extremely close assistant and trusted friend of Edison's, in the early 1960's proved otherwise. An for December 6, 1887,

Finished the phonograph. working model rushed off to New York to demonstrate the

machine at the offices of the magazine the Scientific American. The first informed and accurate account of the phonograph appeared in the magazine on December 22, 1877, and was greeted by an enchusiastic The two references to the phonograph in Edison's note-

books assume greater significance when one comes to consider the activities in 1877 of his rival claimant to the invention Charles Cros.

admitted by his eighteenth birthday, as professor of chem-isary ar a school for the deaf and dumb. He soon left the school to pursue a medical course which he never finished. a fact that did not prevent him from improvising as a doctor. Cros was an academic where Edison was a technician.

Possibly it was at the school

for deaf mutes that Cros became interested in sound vibrations. Interested enough that is to begin experiments, like Leon Scott. By April 30, 1877, he was ready he was ready to deposit with the Academie des Science in Paris a sealed document in which he described the theory of the recording and reproduc-tion of speech. The description is almost identical to that sub-sequently developed by Edison. Cros called his machine the "paleophone".

The account entitled " Procede d'enregistrement et de repro-duction des phenomenes percus par l'ouie " is short and concise. seemingly more so when one comes to consider the lengthy patent Edison submitted to the British authorities. Within a

After the elms-will we have to take

the axe to the beeches?

points. The account is signed and dated April 16, 1877, three months before Edison's aforementioned experiments.
Unfortunately Cros could not present to the Academie a working model of the "pale-ophone" because one did not exist but he closed his account

with a promise that he was attempting to bring the theory to material reality.

The letter presented to the Academie in April was not considered until the session of December 3, 1877, after which it received official sanction if not recognition by being in-serted in their files.

In October of that year, Cros frustrated by the lack of attention from the Academie, saw published an article by L'abbe Le Blanc in a magazine called La Semaine du Clergy (October 10, 1877) which described Cros's paleophone theory.

When Edison in December

When Edison in December When Edison in December amounced his own phonograph Cros accused him of having blatantly copied from the article the device for which he was the rightful inventor. But the phonograph was patented under Edison's name and Cros's anger came to nothing. Could Edison have seen the

tation for developing and im proving on other people's ideas. However it must be realized that many contemporary minds were being drawn to the problems involved in sound record ing and reproduction. Equipment was obviously going to evolve from Bell's already vibrating disphragms. If an abbi in France writing under the general heading Le Monde Des Science et des arts could see two, then how much easier I must have been for someone with Edison's capabilities and

phone was an American invertion, subsequent developments on sound recording and reproduction apparatus did seem to be occurring simultaneously m 122 both America and France. Bow ever, it is beyond doubt that Cross did conceive of the peleophone theory months before Edison conceived of his own phonograph. In spite of this, one mequivocable fact remains. Cros's device exiested on paper alone while Edison's with the resources of the workshop behind it became a working reality leading to the patent of December, 1877.

Michael Young

There has been confusion over the date of Edison's invention, not that any one day can be set aside for such. An extant drawing of the phonograph executed by the inventor from memory sometime. Cros, unlike Edison, was not a full time inventor yet by all accounts he was a brilliant and formidable man. Having mastered oriental languages at an early age he went on to be thousand words Cros set down the technique of recording and translating sound by means of vibrating diaphragms and metal tor from memory sometime

tions as far north as Scotland have shown serious signs of

sickness. Leaves have turned prematurely brown, bare twigs

and branches have become

visible progressively down through the crown of the tree and a number have died. The more observant may have noticed weeping tarry spots

several inches in diameter on

the trunks of some trees. The

arboricultural experts will re-cognize this symptom as one characteristic of disease in

beech. Such symptoms can indeed

arise as a consequence of the

combined attack of the Beech

coccus and the fungus Nectria

coccinea (the causal agents of Beech bark disease). However patches of bark on trees can

die for other reasons and during

1977 they have been observed on several other broadleaved

species including sycamore, birch and ash. It has been sug-

gested either that drought alone may cause the death of isolated patches of bark or perhaps rather more likely, that fungi

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(and to a lesser extent in 1975) devastating effects on the and many beech trees have not apparently shown acute symptoms of distress until the summer of 1977, although some symptoms were observed in the two previous years. Professor 7. There, of the Department of Forestry at the University of Michigan, has made the following comment in a standard text. The BBC recently reported that a new disease of beech trees appeared to be sweeping through the country. The Times was somewhat more guarded in its reports hinting that factors other than infectious agents might be responsible. Those of us in closer contact with trees have had the opportunity to look rather more carefully at ing comment in a standard text book on the physiology of plants, including prees: the dying beech.

There is no doubt that large numbers of beech trees in southern England and in loca-

"Drought at a critical period one year may result in reduced food storage for utilization in growth the following year, and the effect on wood nessue... can be appreciable for several It should be emphasized that

trees are remarkably resident to depredations of climate; many of the beech now show-ing signs of distress have withstood the British climate for 150 years or more. Rainfall in the summer of 1975 was well below average and the drought of 1976 was exceptional. I am reliably informed by a keen meteorological student that the total rainfall at Kew from May, 1975 to August, 1976 (477mm) was the lowest for that 16-month period stude records started in 1698. Under such extreme conditions there were periods ditions there were periods when transpiration (the passage of water upwards from the roots) in beech trees and others was very limited or even

A number of factors can may cause the death of isolated patches of bark or perhaps rather more likely, that fungi are able to invade bark tissues weakened by the drought. Research is now being undertaken to throw more light on this subject.

Yet the drought occurred from June to August in 1976

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A number of factors can affect the uptake of water by the uptake of water the uptake of water and as time of is clearly important and as time of is clearly in the soil is clearly in the soil is clearly in the soil is clearly of water and as time of is clearly of its clearly of its

to a varying degree on all soil types. They were greatest on trees like beech which are often shallow rooted and less on species such as oak which are usually deeper rooting.

Evaporation of water from living trees takes place largely through the leaves which are also the vital sources of food production by photosynthesis. During hot weather leaves restrict the evaporation of water by closing their stomata, the small pores distributed all over their surfaces. The closure of stomata will also prevent the intake of carbon dioxide from the surrounding air and thereby exclude one of the materials essential for photo-

synthesis.

which occurred during the summer of 1976, some leaves were tion and transpiration or perhaps because no moisture was available from below. Once transpiration was reduced or stopped so also was photo-synthesis and food reserves normally built up during the summer months did not accumulate. Some trees, such as birch on dry sites, were unable to survive and died during 1976. Others such as beech were not killed at this time, but growth was reduced compared with normal and reserves were markedly depleted by the and of these seeson.

Fresh growth in the spring of 1977 demanded a further call on food reserves. Before the leaves had expanded the new shoots had begun to extend and they did so at the expense of the reserves laid down in the previous season. Once the first leaves extend to the previous season. Once the first leaves extend to the first leaves the first leaves started to photosynthesize, there was less call on reserves and further growth could take place as new food materials were produced. However, the balance be-tween the consumption and

production varies through the season. In some tree species, such as many conifers, leaf pro-duction and stem elongation is largely completed early in the season. Some, such as birch and poplar, continue to produce new leaves and extension growth throughout the season and others such as beech fall between these extremes and have two main flushes of leaf production and extension growth, one in May and the other in July or August. Growth in diameter or girth

in all species normally continues In the severe conditions throughout the season but when thich occurred during the sum reserves are low as in 1977 following the summer drought of actually shed perhaps as a 1976 resources for such growth means of preventing evapora- may be limited. Several scientists have reported marked reductions in the size of the annual growth ring (which gives a measure of diameter growth) of beech following drought in the previous season and a similar phenomenon has been observed in beech trees showing dieback of crowns dursnowing dieback of crowns dur-ing 1977. The timing of the appearance of dieback symp-toms remains a matter for hypothesis—additional stresses which are imposed on trees in July and August include high temperatures, some though not. The author is a forest patholo-severe shortage of moisture in gist.

Although the above explanation may appear complex, the scientists investigating these phenomena have suggested that many factors other than simply rainfall, low soil moisture and reduced food reserves may be involved in the reduction of annual ring widths. Indeed some tree physiologists could doubtless provide alternative axplanations to the one given some tree physiologists could doubtless provide alternative explanations to the one given here. Nevertheless the food reserve hypothesis does agent to fit in with many of the recorded observations and experiments.

No matter what the detailed how con-

explanation of the effects of drought might be, there is no doubt that some will not recover. Beech is a valuable time because the beautiful to the beautiful t doubt that some wanted to be cover. Beech is a valuable time ber and dead trees should be harvested before they deteriorate. Where there is a chance of recovery, indicated by the formation of healthy overview tering buds, the trees should of course remain.

tering buds, the trees should of course remain.

The beech which are suffering the most severe effects of drought are often the olderones, some indeed planted avenues or clumps in the era of Copability Brown and other great landscape architects. The great land owners in the eighteenth century were able to plan and afford great relined. Vistas. Government agencies, such as the Countriede Commission and Forestry Commission now provide grant for tree planting. But, who else one wonders, can make a frest contribution to the landscape.

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A LARGE MAJORITY FOR MURDER It is no the credit of the South verdict was the only one which of his verdict may then be pos-

provides for the holding of a public inquest into the death of which though circumstantial (the even a political detainee, and that only living eye-witnesses were it allows the most stringent and members of the security police unfettered cross-examination of themselves) was highly permembers of the police force and sussive. other state officials by those representing the family of the dead man Particularly credit-able was the brilliant and fearless conduct of the case for Mr Biko's family by Mr Sydney Kentridge, who has done honour to his profession. One would like to see a university recognize doctorate. Virtually every other aspect of the whole Biko affair is, however, shrouded in shame

and dishonour.

The astonishing insensitivity as well as the stupidity of the Minister of Justice, Mr Kruger, the appalling callousness and inhumanity of police behaviour to Mr Biko (and therefore, it can be assumed, to other detainees) even if the incidents resulting in his death are not taken into account, the evasions, contradic-tions, inconsistencies and downright lies contained in the police evidence to the inquest, the wretched misconduct of at least two doctors in the case, whose treatment of Mr Biko and subordination of medical ethics to the wishes of the security police suggest that they are unfitted to be members of their profession, have all now been joined in discredit by the decision of the inquest magistrate that Mr Biko's death was not the result of any criminal act.

The magistrate had three main options. He could have decided that Mr Biko had died as a result of being assaulted by one or more security policemen. That is what counsel representing Mr Biko's family had asked him to do. That decisions, and a further analysis

The magistrate could also have reached an open verdict, in effect saying that on the conflicting evidence before him he could not make up his mind one way or the other. Such a decision would have implied that there were, in his mind, some doubts about the police version of events. He chose instead to couch his findings in a way which made it clear that he believed the police evidence. That can be seen from his acceptance that the head injury which resulted in Mr Biko's death was probably sustained in a scuffle with the police. The very existence of that struggle, however, is dependent on unconvincing and inconsistent police evidence of it.

The magistrate went on to say that there was no proof that Mr Biko's death had been caused by any act or omission amounting to a criminal offence by any person. The word "proof" in the context of the functions of an inquest magistrate means "prima facie case". It was not part of his duty to decide beyond reasonable doubt whether anyone was criminally hable. That task would be performed by the court before which anyone charged with an offence appeared. The magistrate's finding is therefore that there was not even a prima facie case criminal conduct. On the evidence, such a decision appears absurd. The magistrate may (he is not obliged to under the law) subsequently release the motivated reasons for his

African legal system that it still would have been consistent with sible. Subject to that we can only provides for the holding of a the evidence before the court, conclude that his verdict was not impartial, that he suffered from such personal or political bias that he gave a verdict which was against the weight of the evidence, supported only by testimony which had been shown in cross examination to be tainted with inconsistency and perjury. This was either a prejudiced or

a dishonest finding. The Biko inquest has shown that provided the security police do not falter in their solidarity, it is all but impossible to satisfy such a magistrate that any detainee died at their hands by unlawful means. By the nature of South Africa's detention laws, no one other than the police, prison warders, and those, like prison doctors, with special access to detainees can really know what has happened to a person in detention. Unless they reveal the truth—and they have considerable interest in not doing so—it cannot be proved by direct evidence, and it now seems that no circumstantial case, however strong, can effectively dent that conspiracy of silence and lies. The security police have come out of the Biko affair the stronger, their capacity to commit their reckless and inhuman acts of cruelty with impunity confirmed. Apart from the personal tragedies to those unfortunate enough to find themselves detained indefinitely without trial and held incomunicado at the mercy of people such as gave evidence at the Biko inquest, there is a further and perhaps sadder tragedy: that the vast majority of white South Africans approved-in the name of national security—of what was done to Steve Biko, or cannot see what all the fuss has

THE SECRET SERVICE AND PUBLIC RECORDS

The United Kingdom is good at espionage, especially the technical kind involving communications, intelligence and codebreaking. It is one of the things, as the late Mr Donald McLachlan used to remark, that have always been sound arguments for concealing this sion in 1974 to reveal at least particular example of the nation's prowess. Sir Maurice triumphs of the Government Hankey, as Secretary of the Code and Cypher School during World War II. in 1920 that foreigners were apt to underrate the British as codebreakers. "It is a pity to relieve this amiable weakness of theirs".

he added. Total concealment can backfire, however. Politicians and the public will underrate the value, indeed the necessity, of such activities if their only image of those who carry them out is of libidinous James Bonds or latterday Bertie Woosters with small arms training. The antithesis to Hankey's view was put very nicely by Sir John Masterman, one of the wartime giants of MI5, in his study of The Double Cross

System.

**Any good work done by the
Secret Service is usually unknown except to those in high places and those personally concerned. On the other hand any error or partial failure receives a great deal of publicity and a spate of criticism. Failures are exaggerated, successes never mentioned. Although this is inevitable, it carries with it unhappy consequences, for when reputations suffer, confidence in

the services is lost", he wrote. Ministers are currently weighing the dilemma posed by Hankey and Masterman as they move towards a decision on how much should be revealed about intelligence in peace and war and how soon. The issue has been raised by an earlier deci-

Evidence of the collective genius of Bletchley Park, the wartime home of the GC and CS, on the shelves of the Public Record Office has made it impossible to sustain the fiction that espionage activities cease the moment peace is signed. Of course the Attlee government turned the attention of Bletchley and its successor organization to the interception of Soviet signals traffic in the late 1940s. It would have been a dereliction

of duty to do otherwise. Nowadays most newspapers, though The Times remains an exception, regularly break the D Notice urging that the name of the present Director of MI6 not be disclosed. Some even publish the address of his south London headquarters. Yet ministers still pretend in Parliament that he and his 700 operators do not

exist. There are good reasons for protecting the current activities of MI6. Few people would want them put in jeopardy through Parliamentary questions asked by fellow travelling Labour MP's

whose allegiance does not lie with the Western Alliance. But falsifying the historical record to sustain the impossible illusion that MI6 exists only as the Circus " in John le Carré novels is another matter. A seventy-five year embargo is placed upon all public records that mention MI6. even at the foot of a long circulation list. This is a practice that plays into the hands of conspiracy theorists.

Of course some papers should be retained for very long periods of time. Blood could be spilled in Ireland, for example, if the names of those who spied for Britain during the troubles were revealed even in 1977. But to close two thirds of the Colonial Office Papers on Palestine for 1947 simply because they allude to MI6 is a nonsense.

Ministers have a ready made watchdog in the Lord Chancel-lor's Advisory Council on Public Records. At present, the committee is told, as a matter of courtesy rather than of right, what will fail to appear on the public shelves. No details are given, Last month it was simply told that 49 pieces of special Colonial Office correspondence" was being retained. The Council, Lord Trend, the former Secretary of the Cabinet, told a committee of permanent secretaries last month, are tired of acting as "rubber stamps". If ministers cannot fulfil their pledges of open government in the field of public records, to

what areas is the principle applicable?

There is increasing disquiet over it, and the term of office of the effects of the guillotine on the Scotland Bill. Much of the criticism comes, as one would expect, from those who disapprove of its substance. But it is entirely reasonable that those who are sympathetic to the Bill's basic purpose should be dis-turbed at the way it is being pushed through Parliament. There had to be a guillotine at some stage if it was to stand any chance of being passed at all. Otherwise debate, and the opportunities for filibustering, would have been endless. But it is wrong in principle, and might be very dangerous in practice, that whole sections of a Bill of this consequence should be approved without debate.

That has been the effect of the particular procedures that are being applied. The difficulty bas not come from filibustering. There has simply been insufficient time for considering matters of substance; so that tunity to make that improvesuch questions as the possibility of giving the assembly taxing more necessary for the House of powers, the timing of election to Lords to perform that function.

assembly members, bave all been passed without discussion. These are not trifling items. Getting the right answers on some of them may be critical to the success of the whole scheme. Nor can it be maintained that thorough examination of the details of this Bill was not required because of the attention given to the Scotland and Wales Bill in the last session. Not only is this a new Bill that requires separate study, but the committee proceedings on that measure had not gone beyond consideration of the third clause of the original Bill before the unsuccessful attempt to impose

a guillorine. The Scotland Bill remains an imperfect piece of legislation, somewhat better than the Government's previous effort but still in great need of improvement. If the House of Commons is not to have a proper opporment then it becomes all the

A RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE HOUSE OF LORDS This is not a call for the Peers to emasculate the Bill. What is needed is thorough, constructive examination of a complex measure dealing with issues of great subtlety and importance for the future of the United Kingdom. It is precisely the kind of task for which a revising chamber is required.

The Lords must not shrink from this role for fear of imperilling their own future. There would be no point in having a second chamber that failed to do its job in case it was abolished. If the Government object to having their legislation stringently revised by the House of Lords as now composed then the sensible course would be to take steps towards reforming its composition. That would be no bad thing. If the Lords prompt such action by insisting on fulfilling their own role adequately so much the better. What must not be allowed to happen is for one of the most important measures that Parliament has considered for many years to be rushed on to the statute book

Future of Rhodesia From Mr Smart F. Hills

ent.

November 25.

Sir, May we now expect black African leaders in their various countries to follow Mr Smith's example by accepting the principle of one man one vote?

Yours faithfully, TUART HILLS. 5 The Ridgeway, Toobridge,

From Mr 1. D. McElweine Sir, One of the less well-publicized items of the Anglo-American "package" for Rhodesia is the pro-

posal to establish a Zimbabwean development fund of at least £530m to revive the economy after inde-pendence. Since the Rhodesian economy is at the present time, and despite years of sanctions, among the strongest in Africa, it is clear that a very marked decline in the prosperity of that country is exprosperity of that country is expected upon reaching the longedfor goal of black majority rule.

Is it really the wish of the black
majority that they should suffer not
only poverty, but disorder and fear
such as they have never experienced
in their lifetimes for the ephemeral
satisfaction of (possibly) being allowed to mark and put a slip of
paper in a bailet box—once?

And if it is assumed that this is indeed their wish, should the British taxpayer subscribe to a deve-lopment fund which is to be one of the consequences of fulfilling that wish? For let us be clear that this fund will become a bottomless purse and a drain upon our resources for years to come and all we shall receive in return will be obloquy from those we have betrayed and contempt from those we would be-

without proper scrutiny.

Yours faithfully, I. D. McELWAINE, Friday Farm, Rusper, Horsham. West Sussex. November 10.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Elections to the European Parliament

From Lord Walston Sir, There can be no doubt that direct elections to the European Parliament will take place. The main decision still to be taken is whether these elections should be on the conventional British "first past the post" system; or whener there should be some form of PR and a regional list. Some are in favour of a regional list on the grounds that with such a system we should be able to meet the proposed time-table, and direct elections would not be held up solely because of British delays.

Laudable though such intentions are, they are not by themselves strong enough reasons for adopting a system of election if it had other disadvantages. Of those who favour the first past the post method, some do so solely on the grounds that it will delay direct elections. This is

an even weaker argument for choosing a particular system. There are many who, while drawn towards a regional list, still oppose it because they feel it would be the thin end of the wedge for a similar system in our own parliamentary elections. They feel that, with all its faults, our present system is the best for our own Parliament. There are two factors that such people are two factors that such people do not take into account. The first is, as you rightly pointed out in an editorial a few days ago, that the European Parliament is called a Parliament only by courtesy. It is, in fact, as its official name clearly shows, little more than a consultative assembly. There is therefore no need as there is at Westminster. need, as there is at Westminster, for a clear cut majority of one party which then has to form a government. Rather is it necessary for the European Parliament to represent as wide a spectrum as possible of political opinion in all the member. political opinion in all the member countries.

Secondly, members of the British Parliament are truly the representatives of the people who elect them. It is not easy for them to keep contact with their 50,000 or so constituents, but it is still possible. This is one of the most important functions of a Member of Parliaments. ment at Westminster, and must be preserved. The member of the European Parliament, however, has to represent something more like a quarter of a million people. This he cannot do in any personal way.

All he can hope to do is to be available to those representing the major interests of his wide constituency. Thirdly, it is essential that mem-bers elected to the European

Parliament should cooperate closely with the government at home, as well as with the opposition parties. in order to do this effectively, and above all in order that the govern-ment of the day should regard the European Parliament as a valuable adiuoci to democratic government, is important that the membership of the national groups in the Euro-pean Parliament should bear some relationship to the membership of the national Parliament, Had there been a first past the post election to the European Parliament last May, the strong probability is that there would have been no Liberals. very few Labour members, and a great preponderance of Conservatives. This could not have led to a useful working relationship between the Labour Government and the British members to the European

For these reasons, it is surely assential that Parliament should now decide that the interests of this country and of democracy will best be served by elections to the Euro-pean Parliament being on the basis of regional lists. Yours truly, WALSTON. A14 Albany, Piccadilly, W1. November 29.

Sir, David Wood in his article of November 28 raises some interesting points with regard to the delay of the EEC poll. One important outstanding point however does not receive a mention.

This is the agreement by senior government members of all coun-tries involved that direct elections will be held by those nations simul-taneously and eventually with the same method of voring.

As eight nations will use proportional representation, we are bound to use this method at the second set of elections. Why partisan opportunities set of elections. Why partisan oppo-sition to proportional representa-tion is required when we are bound to adopt a new method of election eventually is a mystery. The bar-riers are erected by so-called Euro-peans. The folly of this action is of course the damage to the Euro-pean cause. A cause which includes a system of election which is just. Yours faithfully,

BRIAN ELLIS. 61 Brent Park Road, Hendon, NW4. November 28.

The Lord's Prayer

From Mr John Stokes. MP for Halesowen and Stourbridge (Con-Halesowen servative)

Sir, Mr Foster-Carter's moving plea in his letter (November 30) for the "irreplaceable link between us and that great cloud of witnesses" who have gone before us in our use of the traditional words of the Lord's Poursellies of the Lord's Prayer lies at the heart of this controversy. The Bishops and the General Sweet Bistops and the General Synod seem intent on breaking that link, as they have already done by virtually replacing in all our churches the Book of Common Prayer by Series II and Series III. How many of us when in trouble, distress or danger do not repeat, aimost subconscipulty the marine would af the consciously, the moving words of the Lord's Prayer, one of the Collects or the well known prayers. In future will even this comfort be denied us by our masters? Yours faithfully,

JOHN STOKES, House of Commons. November 30.

From Mr Bert Lodge Sir, The rift between traditionalists affectionate to the language of the Authorized Version and others who welcome putting the Lord's Prayer—indeed, the entire Book of Common Prayer—into modern speech is simply one work speech is simply one more example of a con-

simply one more example of a con-temperary and growing phenomenon—that of a long-established con-sensus breaking down.

Among other areas where it has happened—and the bathos is not intentional—is brewing. In many pubs keg or pressurized beer has supplanted traditional ale. Fortun-araly guides have hear produced for arely, guides have been produced for the discerning drinker on which pub sells which. The same must happen for hurches—and you sir, could

give a lead. You oblige those of us living not too far from you by print-ing each Saturday details of services the following day in central London parishes. Could you not now start indicating which churches have remained traditional and which have yours sincerely, BERT LODGE, 61 Gloucester Avenue, NW1.

From Mrs A. G. MacAndrew

Sir, I do feel that a great deal of sentimental nonsense is written in connexion with the modernization of the Lord's Prayer. Of course older people who have used this prayer in a certain way for many years may not wish to change it, nor see any good reason for doing so. But if Christianity is to remain a living and powerful force, it a living and powerful force, it must be expressed as accurately as possible in language which is clearly understood at any particular

time.
Yours faithfully,
JEANNE M. MacANDREW,
Littlefield House, Webbs Lane. bbotts Ann, Andover. Hampshire.

From the Reverend Francis A. C. S. Bown Sir, Mr Martin Higham's strictures on members of the ecclesiastical hierarchy (article, November 25) remind me of a remark attributed to the wise but mischievous Dom Gregory Dix: "It is no accident that the symbol of a bishop is a crook, and the sign of an archbishop is a double-cross."

Yours in Dno,
FRANCIS BOWN,
35a Pinfold Street,
Howden Nr Grooks. Howden, Nr Goole, Yorkshire.

Safeguarding the otter From Lord Cranbrook

Sir, Few of your correspondents seem to realize that the Conserva-tion of Wild Creatures etc Act was passed in order to protect any wild creature which " has become so rare that its status as a British wild creature is endangered, either generally or in any particular area". That wild creature may be eg a butterfly, or a mammal like the otter or a

The criterion which must govern the implementation of a Conservacion Act must be whether or not a wild creature is endangered, not whether or not it is being chased with a butterfly net, with bounds or shot with a rifle. Ethical objections to those actions may justify special

is not conservation. The Badgers Act is a good example. Act is a good example.

I am a conservationist and next
Tuesday (December 6) hope to
move a resolution urging the Government to make an Order giving
the otter the protection of the 1975
Act in those areas "where the
Nature Conservancy Council advise
that the otter is so rare that its
status as a British wild creature is
endangered."

legislation to prevent them, but that

That seems sensible to me: I hope that your readers will agree. I am, Sir, vours etc., CRANBROOK, Red House Farm. Great Giemham, Saxmurdham, Suffolk. November 30.

was at the time Chairman, was able to interest certain contractors

in the sponsorship of luxury flats for the residential sector and so making the whole scheme a practi-

At this juncture, Camden Council

withdrew their consent, not because they objected to the residential

sector being used for luxury flats.

but I was given to understand, because they thought that if one third of the space could be used

cal proposition.

Nash's neglected terrace From Mr John Hopkins

Sir, It was distressing to read in The Times of November 26 that Cambridge Terrace, in Regent's Park, is still unrestored and neglected. It is also surprising to read that, according to Camden Cambridge Terrace, in Camden Council "any changes in plans that have occurred have been due to changes in the economic climate". At one stage, over ten years ago, London International Centre, in conjunction with the Crown Commissioners, presented a viable and attractive scheme to restore Cambridge Terrace for use mainly

for this purpose there was no reason why the whole building could not be so utilized. The result was that London International Centre had to abendon a scheme to which several years of as a centre for headquarters accom-modation of a number of well known international charities. Out-line planning consent was obtained planning had been given by the Crown Commissioners and the charities, London still has no centre from which they, the charities, can operate with maximum effion condition that one third of the total space was to be used for residential purposes. To meet this condition strenuous efforts were made to provide student accommodation in this residential sector, a Nash terraces". scheme which was approved by Camden Council. These efforts failed through lack of finance for Yours faithfully,

ciency through pooled resources, and Cambridge Terrace is still "the shabbiest and most neglected of the

failed through lack of finance for student accommodation but London The Naval and Military Club, International Centre, of which I Piccadilly, W1.

Christmas as a Christian festival

Sir, Curiously enough, I (and, I suspect, a great many other Christians) do not welcome the demythologizing of credal belief as an aid to the resanctifying of Christmas, Clifford Longley (*Christmas parts and the incorrection math) values and the incarnation 'myth',
The Times, November 28) is no
doubt perfectly correct in pointing
out that the welter of ersatz religious sentiment surrounding the festival does precious little to increase the average man's understanding of the Sermon on the Mount (let us say). But that is hardly the point.

Christians have believed for most of two millennia in a God who willed to identify himself with the whole of human experience, even whole of human experience, even the weakness and total dependence of childhood, who has, so to speak, set his seal and his value on everything that is human, not simply the competent, the successful, or the useful, it is a point whose importance for the Christian understanding of men and women in society let alone men and women before God, cannot be over-emphasized; it is one of the foundations for the Christian option in favour of those without rights or power. And it speaks of a divine love which will not coerce, but is ready to be helpless and dependent, begging only to be freely loved in return. A demythologized Christmas sig-

A demythologized Christmas sig-nalizes the abandonment of any distinctively Christian view of both God and man. The 'traditional picture certainly risks evoking self-indulgent emotions; but the appeal to pity always runs such a risk. Sentimentality is the tribute which cynicism pays to compassion. The paradox of the infant God, the appeachless Word, was one which more imaginative and compassionate more imaginative and compassionate generations delighted to dwell upon. If the Christian Church is unable to cope with the seriousness, the moral as well as religious seriousness, of this, the future not only of the household of faith but of humanity itself is even bleaker than it normally appears. I remain, Yours sincerely, ROWAN WILLIAMS Westcott House, Jesus Lane, Cambridge,

From Mr Robert F. Pitt Sir. Clifford Longley, writing on "Christmas values and the incarnation 'myth'" (The Times, November 28), says "whatever the kernel of historical truth about the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem, the surrounding circumstances described in the

From the Reverend Dr Rowen early chapters of the Gospels, parnon-fundamentalist scholars as the product of the author's imagina-

> This statement is inaccurate. Most scholars do not believe the early chapters of Luke's Gospel to be drawn from his own imagination. Luke is known, as a result of Synoptic research, to be an editor who wrote from source material. He was a careful historian. The purpose of his gospel is clearly stated in its first verse:

declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us, even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eye wimesses". (Luke I, 1-2.)

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Writing in the last decades of the first century. Luke's task was to bring together the various strends of tradition, both oral and written, which had come down to him. To add to this tradition a preface drawn from his own imagination would be to deny his own literacty number. literary purpose.

It is correct to say that many scholars consider the Christmas "events" to have been "a literary device for signifying the specialness of Jesus in the minds of his near contemporaries. It is incor-rect to say that these same scholars attribute the "devising" to Luke.

Obviously he was an historian who arranged his material with theological motivations. as do the authors of The Muth of God Incarnate, but he clearly believed what he wrote to be true. Sincerely,

ROBERT F. PITT, Goddington House, Court Road, Orpington, Kent. November 29.

And a partridge

From Mr Nicholas D. King Sir, The Post Office is certainly to Sir, The Post Office is certainly to be congratulated on the standard of the Christmas stamps which have been issued this year; but who is responsible for these stamps portraying twelve lords a-leaping, eleven ladies dancing, ten pipers piping and nine drummers drumming, when all recognized standard versions of the carel have ten lords aleaning the carol have ten lords a-leaping, nine ladies dancing eleven pipers piping and twelve drummers drumming? Yours faithfully.

N. D. KING. 25 Kent Road. Folkestone, Kent. November 29.

Maintenance of canals From Mr P. R. Lisle

Sir, I was concerned to see in your issue of November 23 a report by your Political Correspondent that in evidence to the Select Committee on nationalized industries the responsible Minister had said that be was astonished that the British Waterways Board had been unable to show which parts of the canal system needed urgent repair. The facts are that the Board's

The facts are that the Board's engineers carried out in 1970 a detailed survey of the Board's waterways to quantify the extent and cost of the agreess of maintenance which our earlier studies had revealed. The sum arrived at was £21.8m and the survey documentation is still available today. The Board rely on grants from central Government to fulfil their many statutory duties and obligations and have received over many years insufficient money for this

tions and nave received over many years insufficient money for this purpose. Indeed the report of the independent consulting engineers commissioned by the Department of the Environment published on November 9, 1977, fully confirms the existence of the arrears we identified and endorses the Board's arguments for additional funds to overtake these. rertake these.
The major problem of arrears and

the restriction of funds has meant that it has been impossible to

equate the need with the money equate the need with the money available. What is done each year is to allocate money to the most urgent requirements for the security and safety of the system as a first priority and thereafter to allocate the balance to the many pressing needs for operating dredging and maintenance work throughout the system.

out the system.

Many of the structures for which many or the structures for which the Board are responsible are up to 200 years old and although regularly inspected this is not sufficient to determine the true physical condition of such struc-tures. Suitable staff, resources and time are needed and, because of the limitation of money, sufficient staff and resources have not been avail-

These problems have been the subject of detailed discussions with Subject of detailed discussions with Governments over many years. Now that £5m of additional funds have been made available for 1978-79 to deal with the most urgent problems of security and safety, the Board will be able to extend that work and prepare forward programmes of priorities beyond the obvious urgent necessities.

Yours faithfully,
P. R. LISLE.

P. R. LISLE, Chief Engineer, British Waterways Board, Melbury House, Melbury Terrace, NW1.

The demise of poetry From Mr Grahaeme Barrasjord

From Mr Grahaeme Barrasford Young Sir, The recent statement by the editors of New Poetry 3 that the "persistent vein of romantic traditionalism" has almost entirely disappeared from poetry must presumably be taken to mean that no one any longer writes poetry. Poetry, defined by the OED as "elevated expression of elevated abought..." has, in recent years, been almost completely suppressed by the editors of literary magaby the editors of literary maga-zines, who seem to regard any poem which contains metaphor and allusion, or displays any evidence of education and breadth of know-ledge, as "beavy" and "literary",

and therefore beyond consideration. and therefore beyond consideration.

Do we assume that an educational and social system which regards all attempts at presenting excellence or making people think as elitist is responsible for this attitude, or is there some curious reason of their own that makes editors prefer banality of thought and expression to a standard of poetry that produced the great names now entirely lacking from English poetry? English poetry?
Yours sincerely,

G. YOUNG, Co-Editor, Labrus, 91 Wimborns Avenue, Hayes, Middlesex. November 30.

Fact or science fiction? From Mr Martin Raw

Sir, As psychologists with a keen interest in people's attitudes towards extraterrestrial life, as well as interest in the possibility of such life itself, we feel bound to make an important point that has so far been neglected in coverage of the intergalactic message received in Southern England last Saturday, A voice from outer space would have come from the nearest inhabitable galaxy (or further)—at least tens of light years away and would, we conclude, hardly be in touch with the latest political and social developments in Hampshire. This suggests, to us at least, the possibility that the message was a hoax. Alterna-tively, if it wasn't a hoax, John Arlott has got a lot of fast talking to do. Yours sincerely, MARTIN RAW,

Hlegal immigrant amnesty

Institute of Psychiatry, Addiction Research Unit, 101 Denmark Hill, SE5.

From Lady Eldon Sir, How does the Home Office know the date an illegal immigrant enters the country?
Yours faithfully, CLAUDINE ELDON, 2 Coach House Lane, Somerset Road, SW19.

Welsh nicknames From Mr Dillwyn Miles

Sir. Trevor Fishlock (November 26) omitted to mention Dai Central Eating so named, not because of any house warming connexion but simply because he had only one tooth left. Yours faithfully, D. MILES. Castle Hill, Haverfordwest Pembrokeshire.

From Mrs Margaret O'Shea Sir. . . . not to mention the very tall thin man with the waxed moustache, affectionately known, throughout his region as Barbed Wire Jones. Yours faithfully, MARGARET OSHEA. 4 Willowfield, Harlow,

Prom Dr Eirian Williams Esq. Grove Bakery, St Davids—to his countless friends was Dai Bread and Dai the Bun until the Investiture. He was presented to our Prince and now of course is the the one and only Dai Upper Crust. Yours faithfully EIRIAN WILLIAMS, Thornton House, Thornton, Milford Haven,



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
December 2: The Queen, Colonel
in-Chief, today visited the 1st
Battalion The Royal Welch Fustliers (Commanding Officer, Licutranni-Colonel R. M. Llewellyn) at Lucknow Barracks, Tidworth.

Having been received upon arrival by the Colonel of the Regiment (Major-General P. R. Leuchars), Her Majesty later honoured the Commanding Officer with her presence at luncheon in the Officers' Mess.

Mrs John Dugdale, Mr Robert Fellowes and Linutages Pobert Fellowes and Linutages Pobert at Lucknow Barracks, Tidworth.

by side.

determined by the fact that, whereas the Jewish religion is

not essentially dependent upon the Christian, Christianity is

necessarily dependent upon

Forthcoming

Mr F. L. Beschizza and Miss P. A. Tross Youle

and Miss F. A. Tross Four-the engagement is announced between Franco, son of Mr and Mrs Q. Beschizza, of Devonta Road, Islington, and Penelope, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs C. H. Tross Youle, of Bix Bottom Farm, Henley-on-Thames, Oxford-shire.

and wass J. L. Lowe
The engagement is announced
between Robin Michael, son of
Mr and Mrs G. S. Douglas, 5 Fairway, Clifton, York, and Jane
Loveday, second daughter of Mr
and Mrs C. F. Lowe, 16 Hill Rise,
Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire.

The engagement is announced between Ruairidh Halford-MacLeod, Hill of Errol, Perth, and Ardvourlie, Isle of Harris, and Anne McDougall, Georgetown Schoolhouse, Rannoch Station,

The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs R. Vollans, of Barnsley, Yorkshire, and Sarah Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Buckley, of Thorton-Cleveleys, Lancashire.

Today's engagements

The Duke of Kent, Chancellor of Surrey University, attends convocation for the conferment of higher degrees, 10.40.

Exhibitions: Queen's silver jubi-lec gifts, St James's Palace, 10-7; Burlington International

Fine Art Fair, Royal Academy, Piccadilly, 10-6.

Lecture: Charles Lamb Society:
Dr D. G. Wilson on "Charles
Lamb—Madness?", Mary Ward
Centre, Tavistock Place, 2.30.

Concert: London Orpheus Choir and soloists with orchestra: Handel's "Samson", Queen Elizabeth Hall, 7.45.

Exhibition: The Bible in British Art. Victoria and Albert Museum, 2.30-6.
Cage and Aviary Birds Show. Alexandra Palace, 10-5.30.
Kensington Hilton Antiques Fair, Holland Park, 11-6.
Concert for Children: Prokofiev and songs and carols, Purcell Room, South Bank, 3.15.
Walks: Imperial London, meet Westminster station, 11; Dickans Christmas walk, meet Tower Hill station, 2.

The following candidates were successful at the preliminary examination of the Law Society bold on November 7: S. G. Lansley, Rashida Ogilvie, Alice Schrader, T. J. Tappenden and T. D. Wallen.

Research. The High Commissioner for New Zealand was among the

HM Government
Dr David Owen, Secretary of
State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday
at a dinner at 1 Coriton Gardens
in honour of M Louis de Guiringaud, French Fereign Minister.
Among those present were:

Among those present were:
The French Ambassadar, M Fromenticurice, M Pagnige, M Andrean, M
Martin, Sir Michael Palliser. Sir
Michael Palliser. Sir
Michael Martin, M Frank Judi,
A Hibbert. M M F. E.
Fretweil and Mr Ewen Fergusson.

Wolfe Society
Lord Astor of Hever, Lord Lieutenant of Kent, was the guest of honour at a dinner to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the birth of Major-General James Wolfe held at Squerryes Court, Westerham, on Thursday night. Mr J. St A. Warde presided and among others present were Major.

Dinners

Wolfe Society

Tower Hill station, 2.

Tomorrow

Mr R. Halford-MacLeod and Miss A. McDougail

Mr T. Vollans and Miss S. E. Buckley

marriages

Fellowes and Lieutenant Robert Guy, RN, were in attendance, The Prince of Wales this morn-ing attended a filming session for ing attended a filming session for ITV's "Magpie" programme at Dunraven Castle, South Wales.
His Royal Highness later presented nurses of the West Glamorgan Health Authority with their certificates on completion of their training at the Brangwyn Hall, Swansea.
The Prince of Wales, Chairman, attended a luncheng and meeting

attended a luncheon and meeting of The Prince of Wales' Committee for the Welsh Environment Foundation at the Stradey Park Hotel, Llanelli.

His Royal Highness this afterwales's Awards for 1977 and the Prizes for Best Kept Villages at Bryngwyn School, Llanelli. This evening, His Royal Highness, chairman, attended a Gala Concert given by the winners of a music compatible of the state of t music competition organized by the Weish Council of The Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal at the Brangwyn Hall, Swansea. KENSINGTON PALACE

December 2: Princess Alice
Duchess of Gloucester today
opened the new Extension to the
Wisbech and Fenland Museum and
later visited Peckover House.
Miss Jean Maxwell-Scott was in THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

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December 2: Princess Alexandra
was present this evening at the
Gala Performance of the County
of Surrey Youth Festival of the
Arts, held in celebration of The
Queen's Silver Jubilee and benefiting the Jubilee Appeal, at the
Dorking Halls.
The Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard
was in attendance.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend a dinner to be given by the Commonwealth High Commissioners in the United Kingdom at Marlborough House on December 19.

Birthdays today

Vice-Admiral Sir Conolly Abel mith, 78; Mr Walter Anderson, 67; Mr H. G. Brotherton, 87; Sir William Harpham, 71; Miss Tanya Molsewitsch, 63; Air Marshal Sir Douglas Morris, 69; Mr Victor Pasmora 59; Peofessor Mr Victor Pasmore, 69; Professor J. B. Smith, QC, 62.
TOMORROW: Sir Patrick Donner, 73; Mrs Pamela W. Matthews, 63; Dr A. L. Rowse, 74; Mr B. E. Sargeaunt, 100; Mr J. C. Trewin, 69; the Rev Professor C. J. M. Weir, 80.

Royal United Services Institute

General George S. Brown, Chairman of the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff, addressed members of the Royal United Services Institute and their guests yesterday afternoon. Admiral of the Fleet Sir Edward Ashmore was in the chair and among those present were:

Reception

Archbishop Heim On the occasion of Dr John I. Tanner's investiture as a Knight Commander of the Order of St Gregory the Great, Archbishop Heim gave a reception yesterday at the Apostolic Delegation.

Luncheons

HM Government
The Hon John Silkin, Minister of
Agriculture, Fisheries and Food,
was host at a luncheon given at
Lancaster House yesterday in
honour of Mr Brian Lenihan,
Minister for Fisheries of the
Republic of Ireland.

Lady Mayoress
The Lord Mayor and the Lady
Mayoress entertained the following guests at luncheon at the
Mansion House yesterday.
Dame Elizabeth Acknivd, the President
of the Royal Academy and Lady Trinder,
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Level Colored and British Council

Sr John Llewellyn. Director-General of the British Council, was bost at a luncheon held yester-day at 10 Spring Gardens in honour of Dr C. E. Beeby, New Zealand Council of Educational

Services tomorrow: Second Sunday after

Second Sunday after

Advent

ST PACE'S CATHEDRIAL HC. 3:
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Taylor.

ST JAMES'S. Piccadilly: HC. 8.15;
Eucharist. 9.15 and E. 6. Rev W. P.
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Robinson.

ST MARGARET'S. Westminster: M.
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rose (Howella). Canon David L.
Edwards HC. 12.15.

ST MARTIN-R-THE-FIELDS: Family
Communion. 4.5. Rev A. Couch: M.
II 13. the vicat: E 6.30. Rev C.
Walker.
MARY ABBOTS. Konsington.

HC. B and 12.30; Sung Bucharist. 4.30.
Rev J. P. Hill: M. 11.15. Rev A. F.
Davis. Thy word is a lantern (Purcell):

However we may define the essence of Christianity, its cencause they know that the rec-ord of treatment of the Jews by the Christian Church in the past has been almost inexcusably disgraceful; relief because they know that Jews are not persecuted in this country any longer and that they need not worry about them. In consequence Jewish and Christian people in this country for the most part live tolerantly side But this is not enough, at least as far as the Christians are concerned. The relationship between the two communities is

tral doctrines or its unchangeable core, we cannot emancipate it from its Jewish matrix. Jesus and every one of his apostles and Paul were Jews.

The way in which Christians that history should go by subjecting the Jews to Jews Clearly God does not want think about God is Jewish the sporadic murder and a stabilities and to them to disappear. The old think about God is Jewish; the central source of piety for all Christians of all ages, the book of Psalms, is wholly Jewish. It was because the early church claimed, not only to succeed but to supersede Indaism that its attitude to the Jews was so brutal and so bitter. According to Christian logic, Judaism should have ceased to exist after the fall of Jerusalem in AD 70. Christians transfer-

The attitude of most Christians that Christianity emerged nine against them in their early days. That cry put into the mouth to most Jews in this country would, I suppose, be a mixture of guilt and relief; guilt, because they know that the recurrence or guilt and relief; guilt, because they know that the recurrence or may define the against them in their early days. That cry put into the mouth "your existence is illegition of the Jewish crowd before mate!" For a long time it looked as if the Jews might discussed by the first door with its Jewish origins. However we may define the against them in their early days, that cry put into the mouth country would, I suppose, be a mixture of guilt and relief; guilt, because they know that the recurrence is illegition of the Jewish crowd before mate!" For a long time it looked as if the Jews might discussed by the first door with its Jewish origins. appear, or be reduced to an insignificant minority, like the Samaritans. And the Christians

> But the Jews refused to accept this logic and to cooperate with this historical programme. They survived; they continued to nurse their religion and their culture; they successfully asserted their right to exist. Even the most widespread, well-organized and ruthless attempt to exterminate them made under the Nazis failed. Plainly the destiny which failed. Plainly the destiny which might very well interest them-the Christians envisaged for the selves. This is the movement to

makes any sense. Christians sabuld now wake

permanent disabilities and to them to disappear. The old sporadic murder and expulsion. policy of dismissing them as deicides is bankrupt. How then. does God want Christians to regard Jews? This is a new. twentieth-century question to which, among all the questions which are assailing their con-sciousness. Christians should address themselves.

Meanwhile it is worth noting that there is an enterprise in which Christians of good will

Jewish citizens of the Soviet Union who, having applied to leave the country for Israel and having been refused, are now subjected to undoserved and outrageous pains and penalties by the Soviet government. From December 4-11, when Jews throughout the world are cele-brating the Festival of Chanukah, the Lighting of Lamos, a great effort is to be made in many countries throughout the world to draw attention to the devise means of alleviating their plight. If Christians could take part in this campaign (and they are welcome to take it), they could perhaps light one small candle to compensate for the darkness that has in the past shrouded their ancestors treatment of the Jewish people.

R. P. C. Hanson



Some of the 8,000 birds at Alexandra Palace, London, yesterday for the opening of the threeday National Exhibition of Cage and Aviary Birds.

Six auction records at Old Masters sale

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent
The impossibility of guessing at values was underlined at Christie's Old Master sale yesterday. On 53 pictures bidders were not prepared to go as high as Christie's had estimated, but in 37 cases they hid beyond, sometimes far had estimated, but m 3/ they bid beyond, sometimes far beyond, estimates. There were 116 Six new auction record prices were established for individual artists. First was £240,000 (estimate £100,000 to £150,000) paid by D. Koetser for Pannini's terior of St Peter's, Rome

rerior of St Peter's, Rome ".

This is a large picture (57½m by 86½m) and it is large in concept, with the great arches of the church dwarfing the colourful little figures at prayer or inconversation. There are several versions of the composition. This one was commissioned by the Duke of Kent in 1734 and had descended in his family. descended in his family.

The sum of £220,000 (estimate £200,000 to £250,000) paid for Lorenzo Lotto's "Madonna and Child with a donor and his wife" was also an auction record for the artist, but no surprise, since works by that distinguished contemporary of Titlan mentals housed in of Titian are mainly housed in

Regiment (The Chestmit Troop, B, E and HQ Batteries) Royal Horse Artillery held their annual Reunion dinner at the Royal Artillery Mess, Woolwich, kast night. Field Marstral Sir Geoffrey Baker was the guest of honour and Lieutenaut-Colonel J. M.

The Royal Tank Regiment officers'

dinner to commemorate the and-

dinner to commemorate the anti-versity of the Battle of Cambrai, November 20, 1917, was held at the RAC Officers' Mess, Boving-ton Camp, last night, by courtesy of the Commandant, RAC Centre. Lieutenant-Geheral Sir Allen Tay-lor, Representative Colonel Com-mandant, presided. Major-General P. R. C. Hobart and Major-Gen-eral J. G. R. Allen (colonels com-mandant) attended and the guests included Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Ford, Major-General R. Lyon and Brigadier C. H. Robert-son.

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ST MARY'S. Bourne Street: LM. 8.
0.15 and 7 pm: HM, 11, Rev Dr Brian Horne Cacciolini in Ambori. Rorate cell 18976/2 EBONE PARISH CHURCH: ST 48774 EBONE PARISH CHURCH: 6.50 MICHAEL'S. Chester Square: E. 6.50 MICHAEL'S. Chester Square: RC. 8.15: M. 11, Rev E. G. H. Saundews: 6, Rev A. Pearson.
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ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square:
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ST PAUL'S. Bedford Street, Covent
Greden: SE, 11.15, Rev J, Arrowsmith.

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ST STEPHEN'S. Gloucester Road:
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St COLUMBA'S (Church of Scotland: Pont Street: 11. Rev D. B.

Dougail: 6.30. Rev Dr J. Fraser

McLuskey.

CROWN COURT CHURCH (Church
of Scotland: Russell Street, Corent
Ourden: 11.15 and 6.30. Rev J. Miller

Scotl.

THE ORATORY SW: SM 11. Mass
for 5 voices (Bprd): V & B 5.30, Mod.
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ASSUMPTION. Warwick St: SM, 11

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THE JESUIT CHURCH, Farm Street:
Bass, 7.00, R.30. 10, 11 (Sman): 4.15

and 6.15: Noon, Father Poter Knotl.

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CITY TEMPLE, Holborn Viaduct: 11

and 6.30. Rev Dr Brian Johanson.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, meeding at St

Gardis's Ludgist Hill: HC, 11, Rev

Dr Harold K. Moniton.

Royal Tank Regiment

Mr J. St A. Warde presided and among others present were Major-General Lord Michael Fitzalan Howard, Lieutenant-General Sir William Scotter and Major-General J. C. Woollett.

Service dimners

Ist Regiment Royal Horse Artillery
Past and present members of 1st

Mr J. St A. Warde presided and among others presided and officers of No 203 Squadron, RAF, who are disbanding this month, were direct out by members of the Officers Mess, RAF Luqa (Malta) yesterday everging. Wing Commander W. E. Kirk presided and the principal guest was Wing Commander J. H. Carter, Officer Commanding No 203 Squadron.

churches and museums and do not appear on the market.

A small sthil like of flowers of Roelandt Savery which went to Mitchell at £80,000 (estimate £30,000 to £40,000) was another record breaker. Flowers are pereantially popular and it was perhaps more struggisting that a Pieter Claesz still life of food and drink on a table went to Koetser at the same price and dirink on a table went to Koetser at the same price (estimate £25,000 to £35,000).

A late, unfinished, Guido Reni, "Moses and Pharaoh's Crown", covered with the dirt of ages but sitentified by Christie's as by that artist, made £75,000 (estimate £4,000 to £5,000). It is a mystery picture with great possibilities under the dirt, and another

of reaching

Stubbs target

By Our Arts Reporter

The Tate Gallery said yesterday it was confident that the remaining £40,000 needed to purchase the two Stubbs paintings, "Haymakers" and "Reapers", would be raised by Chrismas.

Its appeal has brought in £100,000 and the first of its two lotteries has been fully subscribed at £40,000. Apart from the second lottery, the other main

scribed at £40,000. Apart from the second lottery, the other main money-raising effort will be an auction conducted by Bonham's on Thursday.

The Government has promised marching grants of £190,000. The botal purchase price for the two works is £774,000.

From The Times of Wednesday, December 3, 1952.

From Our Correspondent
Pretoria, Dec 2.—A discovery has
been made at the Transvaal
Museum where the late Dr Robert
Broom, the paliazontologist,
worked for so long, which throws
further light on the history of man.
This is a specimen of an upper law
of what is believed to be the earliest true man ever discovered. Mr
J. T. Robinson, who succeeded Dr
Broom at the museum, described
today how the specimen had been
found at Swartkraus some years
ago but had been cleaned only
during the past two weeks.

"Scientists have been sceptical
about our conclusions in regard

about our conclusions in regard to telanthroups (completed man) but this confirms earlier deduc-tions and extends our knowledge

25 years ago

Earliest true man

churches and museums and do not appear on the market.

A small still life of flowers of Roelandt Savery which went to

unsold. A two-day sale of silver and jewels held by Christie's in Rome finished yesterday, having totalled £200,918, with 44 per cent unsold. Sotheby's sale of fine English furniture totalled £227,930, with 14 per cent, but only 10 lots unsold. Their main difficulty lay with an entraordinary per of tortrieseshell veneered commodes of about £780, which were bought in at £12,000 (estimate £12,000 to £16,000).

artist, made £75,000 (estimate £4,000 to £5,000). It is a mystery picture with great possibilities under the dirt, and another auction record.

Leger's paid an another record leger's paid an another record price for a shipping scene by Willem van de Veite the Younger at £75,000 (estimate £20,000 to £30,000) and Alexander Galleries paid the same price for a fine (estimate £50,000 to £60,000).

Two high flyers failed to find buyer, a Frencs Post at £65,000 (estimate £80,000 to £120,000) and a Pieter Breaghel the Younger at £30,000 (estimate £80,000 to £60,000).

Gallery confident Latest wills

Latest wills

Mrs Nellie Dora Bryan, of Putney,
London, left fi90,230 net. Afterpersonal and other bequests she
left the residue equally between
the Imperial Cancer Research
Fund, the Sumshine Fund for
Blind Babies and Young People,
Royal Masonic Hospital, Cheshire
Foundation, and Royal School for
Deaf Children, Margate.
Mr Leslie Pritchard, of Wadburst,
Sussex, managing director of
Gallaher Ltd, left fi98,976 net.
Other estates include (net, before
tax paid; tax not disclosed):
Biake, Mr. James Edward, of
Weston-under-Redcastle, Salop
(127,025)
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Weston-under-Redcastle, Salop f.127,025
Charlesworth, Mr Richard Charles, of Church Minshull, Cheshire f.108,519
Dickson, Miss Alix Maud, of Burwash, Sussex £155,973
Goldwater, Mrs Irene, of Hendon, London f.142,851
Hawes, Miss Katharine Isabel Amy Fox, of Havant, Hampshire f.120,485
Wild, Mr William Michael, of Wetherby, solicitor £146,499

RAF graduates

At the graduation of No 318 Course, Yellow Squadron, at the RAF Officer Cadet Training Unit, Henlow, on Thursday the overseas-student's prize was presented to Lieutenant A. Al-Merri, of the Qatar Air Force Other overseas graduates were: graduates were:
Sutianale of Oman Air Force: Pilot
Officors A. O. Al Ambri, Said Bin
Suilan S. Muscat; M. K. S. El-Bery,
Anneale Sec S. Oatar Air Force: Lloutenants A. M.
Al-Merri, Technical Sec S. Oohs,
Sambia Air Force: Second Lieutenant
V. Kabeke, Mporokoso Sec S.
Zambia.

University news Loughborough

of the type a ittle further", he said. The type now found bridged the, gap between well-known South African apensen and the Swarkraus, Sterkfontein, Taungs, Kroomdraai, Makapan man. The honorary degree of Doctor of Science will be conferred on Sir Paul Reilly, director of the Design Council, on December 16. Profestor Jean Laloy, director general A. H. Scott, BSc, PhD, Education.

Gray monument fund needs further £400

By a Staff Reporter
The National Trust's appeal for £10,000 to save the monument to Thomas Gray at Stoke Poges, where he wrote his Elergy Written in a Country Churchyard, has reached its magest. However, a further £400 is meethed because of rising costs and additional decay in the stonework found when the more areas overed.

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The stone sarrophagus has been partially dismanticd, and a reinforced concrete ring-beam is about to be installed free of charge by the Cement and Concrete Association to replace the badly corroded from supports. Repairs should be rinished early in the

new year.
Gray's Field will then be improved by removing the dead elimproved by the control of the contro

Lincoln's Inn The following have been elected Benchers of Liucoln's Inn: Mr. R. Garebouse, QC, and Mr R. B. Holroyd Pearce, QC.

Latest appointments Latest appointments include: Dr D. J. Gerhard to be Deputy Master of the Royal Mint in suc-cession to Mr J. R. Christie, who retires on December 31.

Mr T. E. Nodder to be Deputy
Secretary, Department of Health
and Social Security, in charge of
the Services Development Group

the Services Development Group from Jamaary 1, in succession to Mr P. Benner, who assumes responsibility for the NHS Personnel Group on the retirement of Mr R. Gedling.

Mr Peter Wharton, district architect for West Norfolk, to be county architect for Powys.

Mr David Mawson to be architect to Norwich Cathedral; Mr Keith Darby to be deputy architect. Mr G. B. R. Fellden, Director-General, British Standards Institution, to be chairman of the Visiting Committee for the Royal College of Art in place of Sir Peter Noble, who has retired; Mrs Elsbeth R. Juda, Mr Ruari McLean, and Professor J. E. C. T. White to be members of the committee for one year. mittee for one year.

Memorial meeting

Memorial meeting
Dr R. MacKeith
A memorial meeting for Dr
Ronald MacKeith was held yesterday at the Conway Hall, Red Lion
Square. The speakers were Dr
Philip Evans, Dr Barbara Evans,
Dr John Apley, Dr David Motris,
Sister Audrey Crump, the Rev Dr
Robert Winnett, Dr Paul Poland,
Dr Stephen MacKeith, Dr Anna
Freud, Dr Mery Steridan, Dr
Dorothy Egan, Dr Michael
Joseph, Miss H. Theisen, Mrs
Evelyn Kelly, Dr Afice Roughton
and Dr Dermid MacCarthy.

of cultural, scientific and technical relations at the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, will receive an honorary Doctorate of Letters.

Science report

Medicine: Theory on schizophrenia

chemical basis has come from a post-morten study of the brains of patients with the disease. The or patients with the disease. The findings, a report in The Lancet says, are consistent with the hypothesis that the disordered mental function of schizophrenics is due to an excess of dopamine a chemical concerned in the transmission of nerve impulses in some regions of the brain.

The Medical Research Council neurochemical unit at Cambridge neurochemical unit at Cambridge carried out tests on 41 brains taken from schizophrenic patients and on 60 taken from mentally

normal patients who had died from natural causes or from accidents. The amounts of dopamine and of other neurotransmitter chemicals were measured in samples of brain taken from the sites believed to be affected in schizophrenia.

Dopamine concentrations were substantially raised while those of two other substances, glutamic acid, decarboxylase and choline acetyluransferase were reduced in the brains from the schizophrenics.

The report is careful to point acia, decarboxylasc and choine acityltransferase were reduced in the brains from the schizophrenics.

The report is careful to point out that the finding may be interpreted in several ways. The changes might be evidence that schizophrenia is primarily due to a chemical disturbance in the By Our Medical Correspondent Source: The Lancet Dec 3 (1157; 1977).

Wing Commander Harry Day, taken to the camp, equally grim who died in the Blue Sisters' Hospital, Malta, yesterday, at the age of 79, was an historic example of the indominatable officers in the armed forces who, as prisoners-of-war, were threatened with execution, but flung defiance in the face of German captors, and broke out of prison camp. He escaped on nine occasions.

Harry Melville Arburhnot Day, a pre-war CO of RAF Keoley, and later an acting Group Captain, was 41 when the Blenheim reconnaissance bomber he was piloting was shot down in October 1939 near Langweiler, Germany and, al-shough his wound caused prolonged suffering he was ill-treated and hamiliated by his SS captors. As senior British fficer at a POW camp near Frankfurt am Main he organized his own escape and that of 17 others. When recaptured he organized further escapes from several camps and regarded by the Germans as dangerous, was moved to a camp in Poland.

From that point began his most notable feats. In Stales Luft III, at Sagan, he helped to organize the famous and tragic escape of 76 officers through a 336ft tunnel, equipped—as Mr

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WING CMDR HARRY DAY

Stalag Luft III escape survivor

in its threat of extermination

ar Sachsenhausen. Again he

escaped, and this time was caught by the SD civilian force not by the SS, and probably

owed his life to the clamour over the Sagan shootings. He

and his companions were given a stiff dose of death block

tactics at Sachsenhausen—he was chained to the floor of h s cell for a week and underwent

six long interrogations in

Mr Sydney Smith, in his

book Wings Day (1968) states that another factor in the Ger-

mans' minds may have been that they had an inkling of the

intelligence service which Day ran between POW camps and the Air Ministry—" coded mes.

sages by post conveying valuable information gleaned from German guards and brought in

by succeeding batches of prisoners. The information in one British prisoner's well

coded letter to an aunt, which passed through the hands of

an obtuse camp censor, meant nothing to her and she sent it to the Air Ministry.

Day's hour nearly came, however, when sent off with others in coaches for Italy by way of the Brenner Pass, to be liquidated with grenades in a con-

venient air raid. Day's coach

and frightened the SS guards by contacting Italian partisans

and brought about a rescue by

At the end of 1945 Day was awarded the DSO and the OBE

(Military Division). It required

nearly three more years and action by the Ombudsman to secure from the Foreign Office compensation for that part of his sufferings in the Sachsen-

hausen death camp. In 1971 Wing Commander Day organ-ized a thank-offering in the form of a plaque commemorat-

ing the kindness shown by a

former Germen camp com-mander at Stalag Luft III, Colonel von Lindeiner-Wildau,

late courts, up to the House of

At the high tide of his practising career, there appeared unmustakable warnings

that his physique was being overtaxed. Thus it was that he submitted to medical advice

to seek a less strenuous role.

An opening occurred in 1967
when he was expointed a member of the Lands Tribunal. The

work undertaken by the tri-bunel is little known to the general public. It is, in fact, of high importance. In this sphere Stuart Daniel found a natural

milieu, and to it he made a sustained abundant coutribu-

a United States unit.

manacles.

Hillary St. George Saunders re-corded in the officially-commis-socied testory The Royal Air. Force 1939-45 vol III with air pumps, electric light and a moliev railway. Day and his small party were not among the main body, who were recaptured and shot on the orders of Hitler, under the the orders of hitter, under the pretence of having resisted acrest or attempted to escape again. "The butchery by the Gestapo of so gallant a band proclaimed aloud to the world the panic into which the Nazi leaders had fallen . . and . . . inspired the whole Royal Air Terres with a wet flextor results.

Force with a yet fiercer resolve to speed the enemy's downfall. Prom their graves, as from their prison camps, the murdered men fought on."

Day and his companions were lightly former prison mander at Stall colonel von Line and local people.

MR J. STUART DANIEL

Lords.

A correspondent writes: Those who knew Joba Stuart Daniel, QC, in his Merton days remember a men of immense remember a man or immense charm and great promise. As an undergraduate he appeared in the early thirties in Alexan-der Korda's film about Oxford, Men of Tomorrow. He was just beginning to establish himself at the Common Law Bar when the war swept him, with others, away from the Temple for five years. After service in the Army, which took him to the Far East, he returned—like the Far East, he returned—like those among his contempora-ries who had survived—to re-establish himself in practice in a greatly changed world. The going was at first tough.

With the inspired help and encouragement of his talented second wife (whom he had second wife (whom he had married during the war) he decided to specialize in the fields of building and planning low—then expanding rapidly. His statuesque presence and a quietly elegant manner com-bined to make him an ex-

tion. Eventually, he was com-pelled to retire. He never com-plained that ill-health had deprived him of opportunities which his standing and ability would have rightly entitled him to entertain. To the end he remained a stoic. He is survived by a son of his first marriage, a daughter of his second marriage and his devoted third wife. But the After taking silk in 1961 he was soon engaged in heavy arbitrations over building contracts at home and abroad, as well as latigation in the appel-

MR KNUD JESPERSEN

went a spinal operation.

went a spinal operation.
Jespersen was a virtually unknown trade union official from Judland when he became a member of the Communist Party's central committee in 1950. Eight years later he was the natural successor to Mr Aksel Larsen and is widely credited with having engineered the division in the central committee in which Larsen and other prominent party members other prominent party members were excluded, after which they formed the People's Socialist

Party. As a politician Jespersen had

MR D. M. EVANS Mr David Morgan Evans, who was a Barrister on the Wales and Chester Circuit, died on November 21 at the age of 85. Educated at Llandovery College and Jesus College, Oxford; he served the First World War in the Artists' Rifles and War in the Artists' Rifles and the Welch Regiment and with the Egyptian Expeditionary Force. He was called to the Bar by Gray's Inn and had served as Deputy Chairman of Cardiff Quarter Sessions and Legal Chairman of Cardiff City's Rent Tribunal He married in 1924, Mary Gwynydd, second daughter of Thomas Lloyd. They had three sons, one of whom died, and a daughter

Lady Oakes widow of Sir Sydney Oakes Br. died on Nov 14. She was Grera, daughter of Gunnar Victor Hartmann, and she was married in 1948. Her husband died in 1966. She was honorary Royal Danish Consul of the Bahamas,

ieutenant - Colonel Lieutenant - Colonel Ralph Charles Bingham, CVO, DSO, died on November 4 aged 92. He won his DSO in the First World War and was Clerk of the Cheque and Adjutant of the Yeomen of the Guard from 1950

Air Commodore George William Birkinshaw, CB, who died on October 22 at the age of 81, was Director of Repair and Maintenance, Ministry of Supply, 1943-46, and Senior Technical Staff Officer, RAF HQ India, 1946-47.

Lady Chenevix Trench, widow in 1947:

of Lieut-Colonel Sir Richard Chenevix-Trench, CIE, OEE, Mr Simon Broome, who bedied on November 14. She was came steward of Christ Church, Evelyn May, only child of Oxford, in August, has died at Captain H. S. Pockington and the age of 46. He was formerly she was married in 1913. Her managing director of the Statement and the late of the Married Inc. 1954.

Mr Knud Jespersen, chairman of the Danish Communist Danish trade unionists and Party since 1958, died yesterday aged 51. He had been ill for some time and recently under-closely echoing Moscow policies and avoiding any firm position and avoiding any firm position on Eurocommunism, his per-sonal appeal was largely responsible for bringing Communists back into the Danish Folkering in the December 1973 election for the first time since 1957. Jespersen, who leaves a widow and two children, was in his youth an active member of the Danish resistance movement.

and was injured during interro-gation by Nazi occupation forces in Denmark. His father, also active in the resistance movement died in Neuengamme con-centration camp in 1944.

Prebendary Murray Holt Macleod, vicar of Southeane, diocese of London from 1953 and prebendary of Sr Paul's Cathedral from 1972, died on Nov 30.

Mr Arthur Stowers, who died on Nov 30 was formerly Keeper of the Department of Mechanical and Civil Engineering. Science Museum, South Keeper Museum, South Museum, sington. He was president of the Newcomen Society 1955-57. He was 80.

Milos Crnjanski, the Serbisa poet and novelist, died in Belgrade on November 30. He was 84. He lived in London and other west European capitals during and after the war before returning to Yugoslavia.

Lady Bodley Scott, wife of Sir Ronald Bodley Scott, Physician to the Queen 1952-73, died on October 31. She was Daphne, daughter of Lieut-Col E. McCarthy, RMA, and she was married in 1934.

Colonel William Pringle, MC, who died on October 22 at the age of 79, was a Deputy Lieutenant and Justice of the Peace for Middlesex, and honorary Colonel of the 7th Battalion, The Middlesex Regiment.

Dr Robert Rutherford 3 Deputy Lieutenant for co Dirham, a Justice of the Peace and regional commander of the St. John Ambulance Brigade from 1969, died on October 20.

Lady Jones, wife of the Hon Sir Kenneth Jones, died on October 17. She was Dukie, younger daughter of T. W. Thursfield, and she was married in 1947:

managing director of the Stat-ford Hotel, London

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BUSINESS NEWS



Brussels warning of power to curb national aid for shipbuilding

From Michael Bornsby Brussels, Dec 2 A warning was given to EEC. members here today that un-less they agreed to reduce their shipbuilding production capa-city by 45 per cent by the early 1980s, to take account of declin-

ing world demand, the European Commission would use the of Rome to cerb national subsi-dization of the industry.

The commission's proposals

for modernizing and restructuring the shipbuilding will be among the subjects discussed summit meeting here on Monday and Tuesday. The hope in Brussels is that the summit will be based of commencer to their by heads of government at their indicate general political approthe commission's

Speaking at a press conference, Viscoust Etienne Davignon, the EEC commissioner res non, the EEC commissioner responsible for industrial policy, said that most national aid hitherto had been eimed at keeping unviable shippards in business. In future such assistance, would be acceptable only to the extent that it clearly promoted retionalization.

If any members hed doubts bout the commission's powers in this matter, they should "go and reread the Treaty of Rome". Viscount Davignon said. He also gave a strong him that the commission would not suprove scain the kind of subsidized credit deal that made possible the recent British sale of ships worth £115m to Poland. The commission had let the Pelish deal go through because there was no clear evidence that it would deprive other EEC shippards of business. But the

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If the EEC could reduce its
present production capacity of
about 4.4 million tonnes to
about 2.4 million tonnes by 1980 there was a chance that Com-munity shipyards could be com-petitive. Viscount Davignon said. This implied that the numberof people employed in the industry—currently about 165,000—would have to be reduced by 10,000 to 15,000 annually for the

next five years or so.
Although the cost of creating Although the cost of creating new jobs for those made redundant would be high, it would be no higher than the cost of protecting existing shipbuilding jobs which in the end would prove unviable anyway, the commissioner maintained.

He said be hoped that some £20m would be available in next would be available in

next year's EEC budget to subsidize rebates of the interest charged on BEC loans worth £140m to help finance rationali-

Viscount Davignon said the commission was also proposing that foreign vessels using EEC ports should be required to observe the same strict stan-dards as the Community's own merchant fleets, particularly in respect of safety requirements and the remunerations and working conditions of crews.

The EEC's share of world trade had risen to 37 per cent,

he said, and 90 per cent of the commerce with the rest of the world depended on sea trans-port. Yet the Nine's share of the world merchant shipping fleet had declined to no more than 20 per cent, compared with 33.5 per cent in 1960. This deal would directly threaten the was partly because of unfair competitive position of EEC competition, he said.

Two of Swan Hunter vessels for Teesside

By Peter Hill

Wr. James Airlie, the works

British Shipbuilders last night
resolved the micertainty over
two of the seven ships which
form part of the £52m Polish
doubt in anyone's mind where contract which workers at Swan Hunter, Tyneside, wanted blacked by other yards in Britain. They will be built on Teesside by the Smith's Dock company.
Workers at Smith's Dock,

which has two yards on the river, had provided the guarantees of industrial peace and co-operation sought by British Shipbuilders. This represents a thange of

heart by workers at the com-pany. Earlier this week 250 out-fitting workers employed at the Haverton Hill yard took part in a oneday stoppage in sup-port of outfit workers at Swan Hunter.

Another of the vessels has already been reassigned to the Upper Clyde yard of Govan Shipbuilders, which is already building 10 multi-purpose vessels as part of the £115m

Polish order.
A meeting of the company's
130 shop stewards will take

place on Monday next week

we stand relative to the Polish order and the future of the industry". Key stewards have already

made a decision and when asked if the decision was in any way dangerous to the future of shipbuilding he said: "The reverse is the case." His comment indicates a change of attitude of Contain tude at Govan.
Outfit workers at Swan

Hunter have appealed for any ships transferred because of industrial trouble at the yard to be blacked. As a result of the overtime ban some 700-800 steel-workers are likely to receive redundancy notices shortly. The Swan Hunter outfitters are seek-ing rises of £7 a week to give them parity with steelworkers in the yard.

Four of the bulk carriers have

still to be re-assigned and no announcement is expected for about a week although officials remain hopeful that the Swan Hunter outfit workers will re-

Tokyo plan for trade concessions ready soon

From Peter Hazelhurst Tokyo, Dec 2

designed to liberalize imports and reduce Japan's surplus with the United States and Europe, will be presented to Washington this mouth. Mr Nobelinko Ushiba, Minister of State for External Economic Affairs, said-

Deard up hurriedly this week to ward off the growing farest of protectionism in the United States, the bilateral contessions will in effect be granted on a multilateral basis to Japan's trading permanent trading partners.

Mr Ushiba declared: "The deal will apply to all of Japan's tracking partners. We will specifically rake into consideration items in which European nations have expressed inter-

Mr Ushiba binbed that the proposed concessions might con-tain tariff reductions of about 20 per cent and raise quotas on an unspecified number of import items. There could also be financial

There could also be financial measures to encourage and assist Japanese importers.

Mr Ushiba, a former ambassador to the United States, was installed in the cabinet on Monday as the Printe Minister's new roving trouble-shooter on international trade. international trade.
The United States is expected

to suffer a \$7,000m (about £3,899m) deficit in trade with Japan this year, and in recent months Washington has warned Tokyo of the dangers of pro-tectionist moves in the United States Congress. Mr Ushiba said Japan would

also use other measures to reduce the nation's embarrassing surplus, because speculative trading on the appreciating value of the yen had threatened the future of Japanese ex-

The minister said that apart from proposed concessions to Washington, the Japanese Government would set \$3,000m

ernment would set \$3,000m aside to purchase emergency imports — mainly oil, raw materials, and possibly aircraft —from the United States. He said details of the proposed concessions will be completed on Tuesday. I will definitely carry them to Washington to enter into negotiations with the United States before the end of the year", he promised.

Pointing out that restrictions

promised.

Pointing out that restrictions on the imports of farm products might be relaxed, Mr Ushiba

Government spending in the first helf of this financial year might be relaxed, Mr Ushiba

While Lipton has had a good record, Lever has been less to strengthen its presence in the limited States now appears to petitive American determents said: "As in the case of most countries, it is also a hot political issue in Japan." He claimed that Japan's volume of exports is expected to decline next spring when the current sharp 22 per cent appreciation in the value of the yen begins to undermine Japan's international competi-

tive power. At the same time, Mr Ushiba declared that the world should not expect any immediate or dramatic reduction in Japan's projected trade surplus of \$17,000m this year.

"Let me say now that a 100 per cent solution will not be possible. That should not be the

Referring to demands of west-

ern industrialized nations that Japan should raise its ratio of manufactured imports from 20 per cent to 40 per cent of total imports, Mr Ushiba said foreign exporters will also have to make extra efforts to penetrate the

Money supply fears eased by rise of only \$183m in official reserves

last month in contrast to the Bank in earlier months. huge rises in previous months when the Bank of England was ourably to the figures. There taking dollars into the reserves as it sold sterling to hold down the value of the pound. During November Britain's

holdings of gold and foreign \$163m (£101m) to \$20,394m (£11,227m). The rise, which takes the reserves to a new record, is the smallest for six months . .

or repayment of public sector The small increase could epresent some net intervention m the foreign exchange market,

There were no identified offi-

cial-transactions and no drawing

where the Bank of England has been detected on a small scale during the month.

the terms of the understanding

reached in the talks, which con-centrated on the performance of

provide a \$3,900m stand-by credit facility and on policies

to be adopted next year.

Mr Healey and the Treasury have been most unwilling to see converted into firm ceilings the general estimates for both public borrowing and domestic contained in the official Letter of Letter gimed lett year.

Spending by

vas £431.1m below the level was 1451.1m below the level expected in the sectors covered by the cash limits system, which govern the great major-ity of public spending.

Figures released by the Treasury yesterday show that instead of £13,276.4m, the Government spent only £12,845.1m, or 963 per cent of the amount expected.

The figures suggest that the Government will end up spending less than it planned this year, just as it did in 1976-77.

But the fact that some spending departments may adopt a more expenditure-oriented approach during the second half of the year now that they know that they are in little danger of breaching the limits could mean that the final gap between planning and results is less than might be expected on the basis of the present figures.

All departments except one have either underspent or only just reached the total allo-cated to them for "pay and general administrative ex-

general administrative ex-pense" during the first half

The exception is, embarrass-

ingly, the Treasury, part of whose job it is to police the spending of the other depart-

Treasury argument is that

the comparison between actual and planned spending is done on the basis of "profiles" of likely spending, and that in the case of themselves the profile has turned out to underweight

as turned out to underweight

the expenditure in the first half

There is no doubt, however,

that if any other department had found aself in the same

position some searching ques-tions would have been asked.

The Secret Service, which also comes out of a Treasury vote, also overspent slightly on

The fact that the Government

has underspent in the first half of the financial year has been

one of the elements depressing activity in the economy.

Supplementary estimates: The Government has put in supple-

mentary estimates of £1,998m

for public spending, of which £1,448m are caused by increased pay and prices. The supple-

mentary estimates order is of no practical significance and

British Gas, Shell UK and Clyde Petroleum have been awarded a total of 12 onshore

licences to prospect for oil and

gas in areas of the country totalling almost 4,000 sq kilo-

the Department of Energy yesterday authorize the search-

ing for oil and gas by pros-

pecting and geological survey including drilling to not more

But the companies will not be allowed to drill for or pro-duce oil and gas. They will also

have to gain permission from land owners and, where neces-

sary, planning permission.

The licences, announced by

reflects no change in policy.

Onshore oil hunt

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its overall activities.

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pense" during of the year.

of the year.

the fact that some

showed only a slight increase dollar purchases made by the

The gilt market reacted favwas relief that such a small rise would not put further pressure on the money supply.

intervention tactics on October 31, the pound has risen by 2.7 per cent against the dollar and by 1.3 per cent in effective

over the pay round soon sent sterling down again. The Bank of England deliberately kept out of the market the first time last month that the pound lost ground in the hope that a sud-den, sharp drop in the rate would dampen further specula-

within fairly narrow limits tive terms at 63.3.

Mr Healey expected to keep open

Although it is not yet clear how much detail will be spelt

out in the letter to be sent to

mined to leave open the final fixing of targets for next year

until as late as possible, which would involve waiting until just

before his Budget in the spring. Separately from the negotia-

tions with the Fund team, but with a close relationship, is the

question of what money supply

have crystallized on National

Starch and Chemical Corpora-tion, the New Jersey-based manufacturer of adhesives,

manufacturer of adhesives, resins, and industrial chemicals.

After the suspension of National Starch shares at \$443

valuing the company at around £165m. Unilever confirmed that it was in talks that could

lead to it making on offer for

Sir David Orr, chairman of Unilever, has never made any secret of the fact that he regards the group's law exposure

in the fast growing United States market as a gap to be

Since 1970 the proportion of operating profits from America has steadily dropped from 15

to 9 per cent.
Two months ago Unilever was

linked with a possible takeover

of Gerber Products, the baby foods concern, and though it

has never confirmed its inten-tious towards Gerber the talks with National Starch would seem to preclude this takeover.

Unilever's existing interests in the United States are the

Lipton tea and packet food sub-sidiary and the Lever detergents

last year were some £870m,

whose combined sales

National Starch.

filled.

Unilever nearer bid

for American group

1978 targets after IMF visit

By Our Economics Staff letter are that public borrowing the visiting team from the should be at most £8,600m and International Monetary Fund that DCE should not rise above ended its wto weeks of talks with the Government yesterday. has insisted that on its present that the form of the property of the control of the cont

A letter from Mr Healey, the tehinking the £6,000m fagure Chancellor, to the Fund in for DCE is too low and will have Washington is expected within to be revised upwards, perhaps a few weeks. It will set out to around £7,000m to £7,500m.

the British economy during the the IMF in he next few weeks, year since the IMF ogreed to the Chancellor has been deter-

of Intent signed lost year. targets to set for next year.

The estimates contained in the There has been intense debate

By Caroline Atkinson

It could also be because of since, with most of the money that has switched out of dollars showed only a slight increase dollar purchases made by the land now Deutschemarks.

It is not yet clear what the Government's policy towards the pound will be next year. A current account surplus on the balance of payments will mean that there will typically be an Since the Bank changed its Foreigners will be spending intervention tactics on October B1; the pound has risen by 2.7 the cent against the dollar and of the pounds in Britain.

If private capital flows do

not counteract the current surplus, the Government will have to choose between allowing a steady exchange rate apprecia-tion and intervening in the tion and intervening in the markets to supply the extra pounds needed by foreigners.

The dollar was again very weak yesterday. It touched record lows of DM2.2015 and 2.1325 Swiss francs.

Support from the West German Federal Bank helped the dollar in the afternoon.

This seems to have been suc-cessful, and trading has kept at \$1.8205, unchanged in effec-

on this within the Bank of England and the Treasury in

Since changes in the money supply are determined by DCE and the surplus on the balance of payments, the final agreement on DCE will set the bounds for the growth of money supply even though the Fund is not directly concerned with money targets.

money targets.

The Treasury feels that it

should set next year's money supply targets only when it has

a clearer picture of what will happen to wages, which intro-duces one argument for delay.

Another is continued uncertainty about how large a surplus the United Kingdom will have on the balance of payments next year, with the Bank being more optimistic than the

market and is presently under-

Because of a possible conflict

concentrate its efforts away

from foods and detergents since despite sizable chemical busi-

Speculation that Unilever would use the takeover as an

opportunity to raise its divi-dend helped push the shares 10p higher to 538p.

Unilever has this year already

had an application to raise its

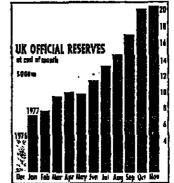
dividend turned down by the Treasury and is known to be keen to increase it, as dividends are being stored up under the equalization agreement with the Dutch side.

A price rag of £200m plus

is not exepcted to cause too many problems as Unilever is relatively undergeared.

efficiency.

the past few weeks.



UK RESERVES The following are the figures for the United Kingdom's official reserves issued by the Treasury.

End of period	\$m	£m	Change in month sm
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Jan	7,196	4,196	+3,067
Feb	7.787	4.546	+591
Marchi	9,618	5,592	+1,831
April	10,130	5,892	+512
May	9,901	5,760	 229
June	11,572	6,727	+1,671
July	13,422	7,725	+1,850
Aug	14,852	8,521	+1,430
Sept	17,171	9,826	+2.319
Oct	20.211	10,987	+3.040
Nov	20,394	11,227	+183

Seagram is hoping for **Glenlivet**

Shares of Glenliver Distillers

jumped 20p to 490p last night on news that takeover talks are to continue with the Canadian Seagram organization. Earlier this month Seagram, which claims to be the world's largest producer and marketer of distilled spirits and wines, launched a 440p a share bid for Glenlivet after acquiring a 27 per cent stake in the com-pany from Courage, the brewery business of Imperial The Seagram bid values

Glenlivet at E34m compared with last night's stock market capitalization of over £38m. Yesterday's developments involved an announcement from Glenlivet board that they did not welcome the Seagram approach considering it in the best interest of shareholders, employees and customers for Glenlivet to remain an indepen-

dent company.

However, they were prepared to continue talks if Seagram gave satisfactory written safeguards concerning the continued employment of all staff and employment or all start and employees and the future status of the company. Mr Philip Beekman, Sea-gram's president, replied from Montreal that the "appropriate assurances" would be forthgoing a large capital spending programme to increase capacity and efficiency.

assurances" would be forthcoming.

Meanwhile Suntory, Japan's
leading distiller, which has an
11 per cent stake in Glenlivet
has so far given no indication
whether it may emerge as a
counter-bidder.

Seagram has close business
links with Glenlivet and has
distributed the group's famous
12-year-old malt winsky
Glenkivet's profits last year
rose from £2.18m to £3.36m,
and in the first half of this
year climbed from £1.2m to with United States anti-trust authorities it also looks as though Unilever has decided to

ness there is very little overlap at present with many of National Starch's activities. Turnover last year at National Starch, the 39th largest chemi-cal group in the United States, was \$339m and net profits \$24.5m. year climbed from £1.2m to

A taste of chocolate for Price Commission

Cadbury Schweppes Foods became the first of the big food processing companies apart from Tate and Lyle to come under the microscope of the Price Commission's new investi-

gatory powers yesterday.

The investigation was prompted by the company's notification of a price rise which, if taken across a range of products including chocolate biscuits, drinking chocolate, cocoa and Bournvita as well as table jellies (marketed under the Chivers brand name) and powdered desserts, averages over 7 per cent, The Commission is mainly concerned about the increases in the cocoa-based products in relation to increases products in relation to increases in the world market price of

cocoa,
Mr Harry Lavery, managing director of the division in charge of the products, said last night that the increases were based on a rise in raw material

costs.

Representing over 70 per cent of the retail price of drinking chocolate and cocoa, these have quadrupled over approximately two years. The company says it believes the increases are fully justified, and is applying immediately for an interim price increase under the safe-guard clauses of the price guard clauses of the price control legislation. Cadbury dominates the mar-ket for drinking chocolate and

cocoa. It also has a large share, estimated at over 60 per cent of the chocolate ber market, although confectionery products are not specifically included in the investigation. In biscuits, while overall it has a small proportion of sales, in the chocolate coated sector its finger and animal shaped biscuits bring it into close competition with United Biscuits, the market

The price of some chocolate products has already been increased by over 30 per cent this year. The last increase for some of the Cadbury products included in the latest artification was included in the latest artification was included in notification was implemented in September. If, after its investigation the

commission concludes that an increase is not justified, while it cannot roll back any interim for up to 12 months.

Unlike the old price control structure, the new commission has considerable discretion in to manufacturing costs. investigations, based on the principle of allocating re-sources, have so far been directed at companies operating within areas where a few firms have a high concentration of

An assessment of the likely impact of the Price Commission on food manufacturers produced by stockbrokers Capel-Cure Myers this week shows that five firms hold over 83 per cent of sales of cocoa products.

Patricia Tisdall

Steel chief seeks action in EEC

Sér Charles Villiers, chairman of the British Steel Corporation, resterday advocated action by the European Commission for the establishment of a reference price system for steel imports into the Community. He said: "We have to recog-nize that we have a major steel crisis and that market action on prices is required on a European basis".

Sir Charles, who was addressing the annual luncheon of the International Steel Trade Association in London (most of whose members have been an

rise in Brirish steel imports), said that it was simply not acceptable that the price of steel products should be driven down to generate more sales which did not add to the amount of business done and which caused "fearful financial loss and grave social damage.

The commission, which is expected to announce new measures for dealing with the European steel industry crisis later this month, has already indicated that it is considering a minimum price for steel imports if the United States adopts a reference price

It is also proposing to raise minimum prices for EEC produced steel by about 15 per

cent. Steel traders indicated yesterday that some strip mill steel products were being shapped to Britain from South Korea at about £30 below the BSC's basic price. Sir Charles said: "It is quite clear now that there is in Europe an international will to create an international system being a steel market based on reference prices which will preserve the customary flow of trade; exportes to Europe and home producers within Europe preserving thei customary market share.

The Government yesterday announced that it had succeeded in curbing imports of Spanish steel reinforcing bars, light sections and flars.

Mr Dell says our trade with Middle East is in surplus

Britain's trade with the Middle East is in surplus, Mr Dell, Secretary of State for Trade, said in London yester-

day.

By any standards this is a considerable achievement. The relative importance of the Middle East for our export trade has doubled in less than four years", he told a con-ference on transporting ference on transporting materials and components to the Middle East organized by the Association of Building Component Manufacturers. Mr Dell singled out the construction industry for special mention. It had, he said, played

a major role in Britain's export

effort. In the Middle East last

year it won new orders valued

Boost for state oil The British National Oil Cor-

poration (BNOC) by early next decade could have access to about 25 million tonnes of United Kingdom Continental Shelf crude oil each year from its equity share holdings in fields and through the exercise of participation options, Dr J. Dickson Mabon, Minister of State for Energy, stated in a Commons answer yesterday.

Call to hautiers

Britain's road hauliers were urged last night to cooperate fully with the Price Commission investigation of the industry so that "the real truth " could be fairly established. Mr John Silbermann, national vice-chairman of the Road Haulage Association, said it was often wrongly felt that the road

In brief hauliers were holding customers

to ransom. West German jobless

Unemployment in West Germany topped a million again last month, largely reflecting

the onset of winter.

Herr Josef Stingl, the president of the Federal Labour Office, told a press conference in Nuremberg that the total number of unemologed in number of unemployed in-creased by 49,900 to 1,004,300 at the end of November. The percentage of jobless in the working population rose to 4.4

Banks rescue plan

Rome, Dec 2.—Banks have virtually agreed to the new rescue plan for Generale Immobiliare SpA, subject to finalization of precise details and approval at board level. sources at the company said. It includes plans to cede property assets for a total value of around 210,000m lire (about £131.6m) which would pay off banking debts of around 140,000m lire.

GEC-Weir venture

A 12-year joint venture between two British companies, General Electric and the Weir Group, on development, manufacture and sales of sodium circulators for use in nuclear fast reactors ,has been authorized by the European Commission,

Washington expects heavy decline in unemployment From Frank Vogl

Washington, Dec 2

Unemployment in the United States fell back to 6.9 per cent from 7 per cent last month. The jobless rate has moved up and down between 6.9 per cent and 7.1 per cent over the past eight

The department of labour said that total employment rose sharply in November by 950,000 and government and private economists are becoming in-creasingly confident that there will be significant declines in unemployment in the months

This confidence in part reflects growing expectations of more stimulative economic policies. The Carter Administra-tion is now firmly committed to a tax cut next year, and on Wall Street today there was considerable speculation of somewhat easier money policies ahead.

Citibank announced today that it is holding its prime com-

cent, and the Federal Reserve Board announced that the narrowly defined money supply (M1) fell by \$2,400m (about £1,291m) in the last statement week, while the broader measure (M2) regi-stered a \$700m fall.

The latest money supply figures, while highly tentative, suggest that the money stock is now growing more in line with the Fed's declared target ranges, so giving the Fed a greater chance of stabilizing interest rates and even allowing for some modest reduction in the stabilization of the stabili

duction in rate levels.

The Department of Labour noted that total employment has increased by 3.9 million to 92.18 million over the past 12 months. It extends the total districts the past 12 months. months. It stated that total unemployment fell by 500,000 in November to 6.82 million. Among adult males the jobless rate declined to 4.9 per cent from 5.3 per cent last month, while the unemployment rate for adult women rose to mercial lending rate at 72 per 7.1 per cent from 6.8 per cent.



How the markets moved

The Times index: 202.35 +1.71 The FT index: 486.7 +6.9

THE POUND Rises 8p to 101p 2p to 284p 8p to 216p 2p to 28p 6p to 83p 5p to 48p 20p to 510p 10p to 538p 5p to 187p 7p to 43p Arb-Latham Beath Bros Beath Sp to 150p 10p to 635p 8p to 65p 5p to 217p 10p to 140p 1.66 39.50 65.75 2.05 11.46 7.85 9.07 4.20 78.50 Australia 5 Austria Sch Belgium Fr Royce Scot Unic Inv Canada 5 Denmark Kr Finland Mkk Spooner Ind Takeda Bdr France Fr Germany Dm Greece Dr Hongkong S Italy Lr 8.75 3.98 74.00 Vickers 74.00 8.35 1570.00 439.00 4.30 9.70 74.50 1.72 150.50 8.65 3.84 1625.00 464.00 Falls Japan Yn Netherlands Gld De Reers 'Did ' 10p to 295p Causine Sir J. 2p to 16p E. Briefontein 24p to 660p Leslie Libanon Norway Kr Portugal Esc S. Africa Rd 2p to 16p 24p to 660p 12p to 379p Sentrust Sheli Spain Pes Sweden Kr Switzerland Fr US 5 Sweden Kr 9.00 Switzerland Fr 4.06 US 5 1.25 Yugoslavia Dnr 38.75 Gold lost \$1.50 an ounce to \$158.625. Equities were strong. Gitt-edged securities made ground. SDR-5 was 1.18899 on Friday, while SDR-5 was 0.652753. Dollar premium 97.5 per cent (effective rate 37.49 per cent). Raics for small denomination bent notes only, as amplied yestordey by Barciays Bark International i.d. Different rates april 10 iravellers? Chegoni and other foreign currency hardeness and other foreign currency Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1,495.5 (previous 1,493.7). Starting gained 30 pts to 51.8205. The effective exchange rate index was at 63.3.

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On other pages Benk Base Rates Table Unit Trust:

Scrimgeour Hinchliffe

Grouse

The rules governing the tax treatment of children's investment income need updating. Although in most cases this income is not at present aggregated with that of parents, there is an exception where the capital from which the income derives has been given to the children by their parents. In this case the first £5 of such income is ignored for tax purposes, but the rest is taxed as if it was the parents' own income.

How many parents, in these inflationary times, have been caught by a higher tax bill because their children, thrifty souls, have saved their annual birthday or Christmas gifts of money, or the weekly allowance from their parents, instead of spending it on lollipops, skate boards and the

It is one thing to give a teenage son or daughter £1 or £2 a week pocket money, but what if you are faced with an additional helping of tax on their investment income at the end of the year?

Unchanged

With the building society investment rate at 6 per cent, it takes less than £100 of savings to increase a parent's

tax liability because of his offspring's little pot of gold.
The real problem is the low exemption level of £5 a year. This has been unchanged for a quarter of a century and must be one of the most outdated of all tax concessions in terms of erosion by inflation.

It is about time that the Government, which elsewhere accepts indexation of allowances, admitted that the £5 exemption is both unrealistic and unfair. The £5 limit, fixed by statute in 1952, is the equivalent today of at least £22.

Taxation

More ways to transfer homes without CTT...

of many people and not surprisingly many readers are asking how they can transfer one to their children or grand-children free of capital transfer

tax by making use of the annual exemption.

Various methods are being tried out in practice but they are not for the "do-it-yourself" enthusiast and professional advice should be sought It should be borne in mind that as CTT is a fairly new tax the schemes have not yet had a chance to stand the test of time and are open to challenge by a belligerent tax inspector.

Last week I discussed a method that involved the immediate sale of the house to the children, backed up by a loan from the parents with repayment of that loan through use of the annual exemption. That scheme, though, is not very satisfactory if the house is the parent's home and main asset (incidentally, although I shall be referring to transfers from parents to their children the principles apply equally to gifts from grandparems to grandchildren). In such circum-stances an immediate transfer of the title while the parents are alive could be incautious.

We saw from the table of rates last week that, as only the first £25,000 of a person's estate is taxable at a nil rate, a modesthy sized house may attract CTI if left to the children on death. So the question arises, can the lifetime exemptions be used to reduce the expected liability on death, where the house is retained and there is no spare

of the various schemes being adopted one of the simplest is on the basis of a mortgage from the children. The procedure is that the parents each take advantage of the £2,000 annual exemption (or a little more if the £100 per person exemption is taken into account) by giving a cheque for these amounts to the children or if under age, to

their trustees every tax year. They in turn grant the parent (or parents if the property is jointly owned) an interest-free mortgage secured on the house of the same amount each year and hand over a cheque. No cash need actually pass hands and the transactions take place annually

ing mortgage debt is equal to the market value of the house. Each parent's will should be drawn up so that on the death of the surviving spouse the house is passed on to the chil-dren. Assuming that the mortgage has by that time reached the full market value of the property, there will be a nil net probate value. In other words the house, provided it is willed to the child, should cancel out the outstanding loan the

parent owed to the child. Another method involves two types of legal documents, a de-claration of trust and a trust deed. The trust deed is en-dorsed to give the children an annual amount (within the CTT exemption limit) out of the pro ceeds of the property when sold.

In the meantime the parent (or parents) retains the property and the annual disposi-tions reduce the value of the estate for CTT purposes. The sale of the property can be timed to suit the parent's ctr-cumstances and can, of course, be made to the children—if this is the desired end result –at market value. Again, no cash need pass hands as the children's entitlement, as endorsed out of the proceeds, will be equal to the market

There are variations on this and accountants will have a particular favourite up their sleeve to suit the particular circumstances of their clients. However, before embarking upon a scheme there are two important points of which the property owner should be mind-

First, there will be legal costs, so get some idea of what these will be, and also of the CTT estimated to be saved if the scheme works. The point is that as the first £25,000 of one's worth is taxed at a nil rate it might be found—in the smaller estates anyway—that there is little to be gained by taking advantage of a costly

idea. Secondly, check whether capital gains tax is payable and the likely liability. This is an important aspect in the case of a house which is not the owners' only or main residence.

Vera Di Palma

... and other costs?

The Federation of Alaster Builders understandably throws its weight behind the expansion of owner occupation in its latest submission to the Secretary of State for the Environment on the Government Green Paper on

Housing.
But, quite apart from the strategic problems of improving both the quantity and the standard of the national housing stock, the FMB points out the very high cost of the trans-fer of homes. Its submission will strike a chord in the hearts of all who have ever had to buy

It claims that the cost of conveyancing, estate agent's com-mission, stamp duty, survey fees and the other important expenses incurred in the process represents a real barrier for people contemplating home

hidden costs add up to about £15,000 house—rising to over £1,000 in the case of a £30,000 house.

terms of buying the £15,000 house, these additional costs would require an extra £9 a month in mortgage payments.

the figure would be double that. into some of the charges, such as those of solicitors and estate agents, is taking place but the Government imposes its own burden. Although no stamp duty is payable on the purchase of a £15,000 house, some £450 is due on the £30,000 one.

In the case of a £30,000 house A government investigation Unit trusts

Who are the unitholders—what do they think?

To how many unit trust man agement groups—and writers on the subject, too, for that matter -are unitholders merely a set of statistics, rather than indivi-duals? It is an easy trap to fall into. There is no legal requirement for a management group to meet its investors—unlike a public company with its annual

general meeting. Target Group, however, has made a greater effort than most to get to know its unitholders. Besides deunching a magazine for them it started a series of conferences in 1966. It even had a panel of unitholders as parttime advisers to one fund.

The conferences were dropped a couple of years ago, but now Target has reactivated them. It invited its unithol-ders and bondholders in Greater London to a one-day session on

Wednesday. Some 190 investors turned up for the fun. Predictably, it being a working day, the majority were either women or retired men and many of the women were widows who had inherited units from their husbands. This rather unrepresentative spread investments—Turger's Preference Share units, currently yielding 11.3 per cent, were the

yielding 11.3 per cent, were the clear favourite.

But although the immediate requirement of most of the investors might be income, after a good (free) lunch—most were in fine voice for the afternoon forum, asking a wide range of questions.

questions.

"Would you buy investment trusts for income?", "What about life assurance if you are over 65 years old?", "What is the best investment for children?", "Which is best—a gilt unit trust or a gilt bond?", "Why have the Growth units been such a disappointing in.

"Why have the Growth units been such a disappointing investment?" and "Why is there no Save As You Earn scheme run by the Target Building Society?"

All uncomplicated stuff, perhaps, but these are the kind of questions that chiefly interest unitholders. The views of some of the Target unitholders about their investment in unit trusts are given on the right. investment in unit trusts in but adds that "the division on the right.

Margaret Stone "trusts she is in but adds that "the division dends are quite reasonable—particularly when compared with Woodworth's."

Insurance

must be right

pose type of pill. Instead

we are prepared to explain the exact whereabouts of the pain,

how it started, when it is

worst, and so on. The doctor diagnoses the trouble and uses

his judgment to decide on a treatment from a number of

perfectly acceptable treat-

Giving full

details of

income is all

First the diagnosis

"I've have got about £3,000. without too much optimism or What is the best way of investing it?" This is the kind of income to drop sharply at question put to financial writers, although it could be along the lines: "I can save £20 a month. What do you recommend?"

It is very easy to think that there is a "best buy" which is best for everybody. Unfortunately, life is not quite as simple as that.

without too much optimism or modesty)? Do you expect your modesty)? Do you expect your income to drop sharply at retirement? Are you likely to need to get your hands on the capital before the end of the procedetermined term?

Not everybody likes to disclose full details of their earnings and the like. But that is all part of the process. We don't object to taking our clothes off for a doctor or

We don't go to the doctor nurse, and it is just as reason-and ask him for the latest all- able for anybody giving finan-

mendation.



herself a unitholder for "quite fortuitous reasons". A friend's son is on the Target group staff and she wanted to help him. She bought units in the Com-modity and Equity funds and a Managed bond six months ago and is pleased with her invest-ments. She particularly likema is pleased with her invest-ments. She particularly likes the "instant income", although her holdings are basically "long-term for my children".

Mrs Emma Irvine is a disappointed shareholder of F. W.

cial advice to want to have 8

complete picture of your posi-

tion before making a recom-

This is not just an excuse to

try to sell one more than one

wants to buy; for instance, what is best for a basic rate

texpayer may be quite unsuitable for a higher rate tax-

payer, and vice versa. If a capital sum can be "locked up" until after retirement a single premium bond (with a withdrawal facility) may be best

for a high rate taxpayer, but if the capital may be needed, a

unit trust might be better.

Tax considerations are all-

important when making a choice Some life assurance products (in common with building society investments) have serious drawbacks for

higher rate taxpayers; but the glossy literature seldom draws

glossy literature sensom oraws attention to this.

A really good adviser may question whether we really want the capital appreciation or high income which has been specified; sometimes initial views may be modified.

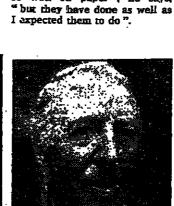
Over the past few years tour many neonle have bought the

many people have bought the wrong products — either through being attracted by the

sound of something, which was

not really the best answer in the long run, or by being sold a product by an individual with insufficient training to be

polworth and believes that



Mr John Snow chose to con-

vert his shares into units in

1972 because "I don't want the

worry of looking after them

myself". He has Income and

Growth units and is pleased

with them. "They haven't done

so well on paper", he says,

Mr Clarence Jones used handle his own portfolio. increased my money six times in five years", he recalls. "Then I decided it was be-coming a bit too dangerous." "it is safer to put money into units rather than into one society or share." She has been a unitholder for five the has been in Preference years, after first having Share units and an Income "looked into them". She can't bond for four years, but remember which trusts she is although he is "very pleased" in but adds that "the dividends are quite reasonable— "go back to dabbing."

Investor's week



remember in which fund she

Mr Peter Johnson has held Inmer Peter Joinson has held international units for three
years. He thought they would
do better than the Financial
units he had bought eight
years earlier. But he is not
pleased with unit trusts at all
at the moment. "I had stocks
and characted thought is not
they are a good investment." I they
they are a good investment." at the moment. "I had stocks and shares and thought it probably better to let someone else do the planning instead of myself. Now I'm not so



echoes the view of many unit-holders when he says that he fully admits that she does not remember in which fund she holds 800 units. Although she has held them for 14 years it is her son who looks after them. She does, however, defend her position as an inactive unitholder. "They go up and they go down", she says. "It's no good selling them. If you make a profit, then you have to pay tax." is "trying to get a good re-turn" on his money. "It's 50 difficult", he admits. He has been in unit trusts for six to seven years already and is a long-term investor. He has tenporarily forgotten which trusts he holds, but confesses that he does not like watching them anyway. "It's too worrying."



put her savings into a building society, was given a day off they are a good investment", she says. "They yielded 11.3 per cent when I bought them which was much better than I could do anywhere else

more clients.

The existing client list of 300 has been built up since May, 1975, when IG started its gold business. The idea then was to give United Kingdom investors the chance to take an interest in the gold price. This is nor-mally not allowed, but IG came up with the idea of becoming a bookmaker. The client can bet, say, £20

Gold price

-a longer

IG Index, the gold and com-

modity "bookies", have made some important changes to their rules to try to attract

punters

view

on the price going up. For every point the gold price rises he wins £20 and for every point it falls he loses £20. If he believes it will fall he can, of course, bet on it doing just

The winnings are gambling gains so they are untaxed hough the company pays bet-

though the company pays betting tax on its turnover.
By the time the system got going, however, speculative interest in gold had passed its peak so IG decided to diversify into all the major commodities.
Although the man-in-the-street can do this directly via a commodity broker the smallest lots the market deals in are prohibitively large. For example, the minimum amount of copper that can be traded on the London Metal Exchange is 25 tons worth about £17,000. IG's minimum is one

direct commodity trading all these deals require a deposit which IG set at 15 per cent. So a client making a £1 bet on the copper price one ton requiring a deposit of about £100. IG take a banker's reference

on every client to confirm that he has assets up to one and a he has assets up to the and a half times the maximum deposit, known as a "margin" in commodity circles, that he has said he can afford

If his losses on a deal or "position" begin to look as though they are running over

though they are running over his margin he will suromatically get a "margin call" from IG, at which point his cheoue for the amount of the margin will Otherwise his position will be closed immediately, which in many cases might be a good idea.
IG cover themselves by match-

ing the clients' deals with real deals on the commodity exchanges. So, for exercise, if the cocca price rises spectacularly their real dealing profit will be used to cover their payours on the bets.

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Unit trust p

With gold the position is different, as IG themselves cannot deal. In this case the company has an agreement with an author rized bullion dealer to match its deals on the dealer's own account.

The main changes IG bave now made are in gold. Pre-viously clients were allowed to maintain positions for only up to 28 days. Now he can take

months. Secondly, the spread of prices quoted by IG has been narrowed from three points to 15 points, or two points in the case of three-month gold. This spread is the "jobber's turn" from which IG make their profit. Narrowing it means that the cost of dealing through the system is cut and through the system is cut and taking an interest in smaller fluctuations in the gold price

becomes more attractive.

A similar change has been made on the commodities side where the spread has been reduced from just over 1 per cent to just over 2 per cent. The changes take effect immediately.

Advice on

or sell a property.

In sales, the respective figures are £545 and £950—the great bulk of this accounted for by estate agent's commission. In

part of the process

as unit trust) many of the same principles apply. Anybody who is being asked to give guidance or advice must be given all the facts on which to base his or her judgment—even though

First, what is your income at the moment and how is it made up? Taking into con-sideration your various allow-ances and reliefs, what is the top rate of tax which you are paying? What are your pros-pects (on a realistic basis,

Investment trusts

ments; another doctor, for instance, might suggest some-thing different.

some of them may appear to be irrelevant.

Some of this information is fairly obvious—such as the amount for investment, one's

When buying a life assurance product (or units in

of them may appear to

age, whether one wants income or capital appreciation. But much more than that is needed if one is to stand a worthwhile chance of receiving really sound guidance or advice.

ing on the dotted line.

able to discover what was really needed. The life assurance industry can help by giving better training to its staff. Also prospec-tive purchasers must be prepared to give really full infor-mation; and remember that, if in doubt, a second opinion should be sought before sign-

Markets passing through

a neutral phase

Ordinary shares staged a good, if not wholly convincing, rally on the London stock market this week.

Superficially a 20.7 point rise in the FT Ordinary Share Index to 486.7 suggested a satis-factory measure of consolida-tion, but the market was so thin, and the amount of business done so small that it remains highly vulnerable to on the industrial from. Most dealers see the market

as still passing though one of its neutral phases, investors refusing to strong positions either way. Which way it ultimately moves depends largely on a measure of argeement on pay and the future course of interest rates. Neverethless, the fact that equities attracted some demand at these levels was a source of comfort for the "bulls" and helped to allay the fears in some quarters that the index would plunge to the low 400s before the year was out.

Most of the week's demand was made up of "cheap" buy-ing and "bear" closing, but dealers did report that on Tuesday, the strongest of the five sessions, the buying was the best seen for some weeks. Prices were also helped by jobbers marking up, in an attempt to attract stock on to

their "short" books.

This ploy also creates an illusion of firmness, but in most cases investors remained unresponsive to such moves. After the previous Friday's After the previous Friday's strong gains the week began in a subdued fashion, with wide-spread talk that calls totalling 1900m on the BP partly-paid shares and a number of gittedged stocks would keep the big investors on the sidelines for the time being.

Theselor's strong gains were

Tuesday's strong gains were achieved in spice of speculation that minimum lending rate might be raised another point, or even two. But this doubt was quickly resolved the next day when the Bank of England said that it did not envisage a change and early 1890 36p Hay's Whart falls in both the equity and 492p 245p Johnson Matthey John Drummond silt-edged market were immed- 119p

On Thursday below-par third duction, while Rio Tinto-Zinc, quarter figures from BP and renewed industrial fears as the House of Lords ruling that it renewed industrial fears as the miners met the coal board took their toll and put an end to the two-day radly.

In the gilt edged market the Bank's MLR statement was the high spot of an otherwise poorly supported week. Most fixed-interest dealers, though, see the Bank's more only as out that it canot usually resist market forces for very long.

They would not be surprised

to see interest rates rise again before Christmas. before Christmas.

Widespread market talk of financial losses on BP's Alaska pipeline was borne out when the company announced on the eve of Thursday's results that production hold-ups had brought an £8.8m quarterly deficit on its near 16 per cent stake in the line. stake in the line.

The following day the figures themselves proved to be the latest in a lengthening list from leading companies which did not match up to market expectations, though in this case these had already been scaled down. The new shares, which became fully paid yesterday, ended the week at 890p, while the old lost 20p to 880p on United States selling.

In the mining sector De Beers, at 295p, attracted atten-tion after news of a planned 20 per cent jump in diamond pro-

House of Lords ruling that it should not give evidence to a uranium cartel bearing in America. Precious metals group Johnson Matthey lost 10p to 443p after interim profits.

After last week's rise in MLR the clearing banks were in good

form as they increased their base rates and in doing so incompenition. The hope that higher rates will ease the pressure on profit margins attracted some strong support, with Lloyds, at 285p, and Barclays, 335p, proving to be

Interim profits and a bullish forecast from Racal, always one of the market's strongest per-formers, were much to dealers' liking. But the gloss was taken off the shares by the news that the deputy chairman had resigned and over the week the

rise was just 2p to 216p. The takeover sceece was fairly quiet, though the news late yesterday that Gleolivet had rejected the Seagrams bid rejected the Seagrams bid boosted the shares 20p to 490p in the hope of better terms. In the same sector profits from Bass Charrington were above many estimates and went some way to dispersing the gloom over brewery shares. The shares rose 13p to 162p.

David Mott

MAIN CHANGES OF THE WEEK Rises

Year's	Year	's
high	low	Company
80p	18 <u>}</u> p	Allied Polymer
163p	66p	Bass Charrington
259p	66p	John Brown
130p	26p	MEPC
90p	24p	S. Simpson 'A'

Movement Comment 17p to 48p BTR bid 13p to 162p Good figures Fresh takeover talk Rental income growth 18p to 90p Speculative growth

285p 138p Akroyd & Smithers 95p Brown Shipley 36p Hay's Wharf

6p to 227p Week gilts

5p to 195p Sector trend 4p to 168p Bid hopes fade

10p to 443p Margins deteriorate 20p to 88p. Profits setback

E & D shareholders may not be the only losers

Baillie Gifford are doing their investors no service at all in stubboruly resisting this bid. But it is not just the E & D shareholders but all investment trust shareholders who will lose The average discount is at

Margaret

Brian Appleyard

unit trusts

Scrimgeour Hinchliffe, the private client subsidiary of stockbrokers J & A Scringeour. is promoting its discretionary Gilt Edged and Unit Trust Portfolio Management Service, which basically seeks to provide professional management for investors in these two areas

comparable to the traditional service in equities.

The Scringeour Hinchliffe service has been on offer for three years to inhouse clients. but the recent launch of Hoare Govett's discretionary unit trust management company has evidently encouraged it to make a play for the market that seems to be developing for protes-sional advice in unit trusts. Unlike Hoare's service, Scrimgeour offers free manage-ment of the unit trust side of the portfolio and it will accept either shares or existing port-folios of units in exchange. It

has a management fee of 1 per-cent a year for the gilt portion, with a minimum charge of 550, however, and over a period of years the average investor may expect half the investments bought on his behalf to com-mend this management fee. Because of the minimum charge the service is of mort interest to investors with £5.000 or more to deploy. The mans-gers receive the normal commission payments from the unit trust funds and charge a fee to the private client noly when the particular fund dealt in does not pay commissions.

REPORTS

The Times

SPECIAL

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It is a nail biting time among the investment trusts. The British Investment Trust has rejected an offer from the National Coal Board's Pension Fund, while Edinburgh & Dundee is still resisting overtures

more than half the E & D The trouble is that Britrailpen, who must by now be punch-drunk having been already re-jected by the Standard Trust earlier in the year, needs at least 75 per cent of the shares before it can wind up the trust, thereby incorporating the underlying portfolio into the tax-free confines of us own. Britrailpen is quite likely to impose a time limit for accept-

At 75 per cent Britrailpen

can apply for a court order to

from the British Rail Pension

Fund despite the latter's revela-tion that its offer had cornered

wind up—at 90 per cent it can do it anyway. If the 75 per cent is not reached it can stagger on with a controlling interest in the bolk of the opposition who may see a 30 per cent discount the hope that some day it will looming up before them. The the hope that some day it will looming up before them. The acquire the rest, or it can with thought of that, or the alternadraw completely.

The problems are not entirely confined to Britrailpen's camp. It would be highly embarrassing for managers Baillie Gifford, who have stirred themselves and their Scottish investors not a little in the past few weeks, if Britrailpen were to withdraw, leaving them with over half their shareholders in a state of near apoplexy as the shares slide from around 1560 to nearer 130p, and facing a bar-rage of hostility virtually everywhere else too.

tive of being stuck as a minority shareholder in a fund controlled by Britrailpen, cannot be an enticing prospect even for a dichard Scottish manager. Opposing the Britrailpen bid

at this stage in the game can bring nothing but sorrow to Baillie Gifford, since holders of

half the shares clearly want to-

get out. Baillie Gifford's stand, and that of the British Investment

recently endorsed the principle of a "going concern" basis for bid formulas. But the whole point about the problems of the investment trust sector is that large pieces of it have become irrelevant-they are not "going concerns" in an investment context: An investment trust, like any

other company or asset, is worth whatever someone else is prepared to pay for it. You can argue that the National Coal Board's offer is a little ungenerous, despite its incluungenerous, nespite as mota-sion of a minimum cash offer that could appeal in tricky markets. You can argue the toss about whether Britrailpen Trust, has received tacit sup is getting the bargain of the port from the Association of century by bidding for R & D Investment Trust Managers in at 100 per cent asset value. But that its retiring chairman, Mr there is no case at all for Devid Runter Johnstone, arguing in favour of an auto-

matic "going concern" valuation for an investment trust whose main attraction to an outsider is the prospect of a

out if the two major bids in the sector fall by the wayside. present 25 per cent on asset values. It has been 40 per cent in the past and could widen again unless there is some solu-tion to the problem of overcapacity in the sector.

Drummond

Rates at sixes and sevens, but don't switch loyalties

much of the postwar period interest rates have been more or less easy to fathom, reflecting as they do in traditional theory the balance between the supply and demand for money. even if divergent views about the focure may have pushed them out of kilter for a while If, like me, you were imbied with the economic thoughts of Lord Keynes and were encouraged to gloss over such things as the importance of the quantity of money, its velocity of circulation and essueric equations like MV=PT, which looked as though they had escaped from the physics books, then events over the last week have shown that you really need

nave shown that you really need to reeducate yourself if you are going to make an intelligent stab about when is the best time to borrow.

What has been shown beyond all reasonable doubt over the last week is that everything will be sacrificed on the high alter of monetarism with the Chancellor Treasury and Rank Chancellor, Treasury and Bank of England all showing them-selves to be card-carrying mem-bers of this school of economics -though the fifth columnists at the National Institute, whose review this week dwelt discon-certingly for the monetarists on what is trappening in the real world, will have to be rooted out unless they are to be out unless they are to be allowed to upset the apple cart. For the present, then, developments in what Mr Healey has taken to calling the real economy—that is, the down-to-earth world of consumer spending, industrial production and so on—are being allowed to have no effect on interest rates. If they were interest rates. If they were, interest rates would never have been allowed to go so low and would not have had to rebound

So the future course of interest rates will continue to be governed by the financial economy, that is the money supply figures, the need for the Government to call gifts to Government to sell gilts to cope with the borrowing requirement and so on and those are the factors for borwers to keep an eye on.
It is the far muddler waters here that help to explain why

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metaphorically—at sixes and sevens over their overdraft and deposit rates.

Williams & Glyn's

Cooperative

Businesses, which for the past six years have supposed past six years have supposed to be competing with each other, have shown precious little sign of that happening—if you ignore the fancy chequebooks—until this week. But has competition really returned

It is improbable. The clearers different response to last week's jump in minimum lending rate from 5 to 7 per cent has, it is true, led to something previously almost unheard of—all the banks at one stage operating on a different base rate, though late in the week Barthough clays dragged itself into line with National Westminster at 71 per cent and turned out to be most generous to its deposi-tors by raising rates to 41 per cent. This is hardly competitive with the building societies 9 per cent for basic rate taxpayers but a nice gesture for all that But the question for borrowers is, with a three-quarter point gap emerging berween Midland's 61 per cent and Bar-

clays/NatWest's 71 per cent, is there any sense in switching your account? The answer, I am afraid, is an unequivocal no. For all the arguments that the clearers how have more scope to remain our of line with each other because of the high proportion of their leading that is linked to other money manker rates, it is highly unlikely that they will stay out of line for more than a few weeks. In which case, the saving on a

the big high street banks this £500 loan will be at most the week have been—literally and price of a pint of beer. price of a pint of beer.

More important, however, is
the simple point that your relationship with the bank manager is more often than not far more important than small dif-

more important than small dif-ferences in overdreft rates—it he reckons you a good customer it is just as likely that you will be able to negotiate a rate below the 4-5 per cent charged to run-of the mill customera. For the same reasons it makes little sense to play the field on deposit rates either, since with amounts of over £10,000 the branch old deposits, scheme means that you will scheme means that you will enjoy a higher better in any case, while for sums below this me monetary gain may not out-weigh the advantages of keep-ing your bank manager sweet. It is, all the same, more possible that deposit reases will remain out of line than base rates, so it is something worth thinking about—although most serious lenders should be in building societies already. building societies already.
As far as personal loan, here
purchase and credit card rates
are concerned, the latest rise

in interest rates is unlikely to in interest rates is unlikely to make any immediate difference. Personal loan rates have only just been reduced and the banks pride themselves in not chopping and changing these too often, while Barclaycard is unlikely to lose face by impressing its rates face by impressing its rates face. increasing its rates to Access 12 per cent a month level so soon after trying to undercut its rival. But the omeos are clear borrowing is becoming more expensive.

Ronald Pullen

Motor insurance

Be wary of the certificate

one if there is any doubt about one's more insurance, it is easier to look at the certificate of insurance than the policy, because the certificate is much shorter and the policy may not be readily available. This however, is a practice of its the bare minimum required by law,

Often, the change of car in issued, a further cover note will be needed. To save postage some brokers charge a fee for the paperwork Regrettably, and gain, I stress that it is only the minority) are not Often, if there is any doubt the bare minimum required by

A certificate is intended mainly to be evidence, in handy form, that a particular vehicle is insured as required by the is insured, as required by the Road Traffic Act. It is not intended to be a resumé of the policy and in the event of any difference between the certificate and the policy it is the wording of the latter which matters. The policy is the only document which creates any document which create liability on the insurers.

In recent years many insurers have moved over to "blanket" certificates which apply to any car owned by the policy-holder, rather than quoting the registration number of one's car. The main reason is that the insurers do not have to issue a feach confirmation to the insurers and the insurers do not have to issue a feach confirmation. fresh certificate when one car is changed for another. Nevertheless, this is not quite

so straightforward as it appears. It is essential that you tell the insurers straight away when you change cars. Often, insurers allow about 10 days of grace.
If, by the end of the period of grace, the insurers have not n told of a change of car.

significantly higher than, in fact, is the case. Perhaps surprisingly, in some cases, a return of premium is due on a change of cars. A typical example is if an elderly car is traded in and a new one bought (worth appreciably more than the second-hand value of the elderly car) which is in a lower rated group. Here, one of the sharper practices of a few brokers is to retain the credit from the insurers and

not to pass it on. A few insurers still issue endorsements in that situation, setting out the additional or return premium due, which has the effect of frustrating such tricks. But, presumebly, tricks. But, presumebly, brokers which operate on the basis described above do not

use those insurers. When insurance on a car is arranged through a broker, a cover note will be provided. This is nothing more than a temporary certificate of insurance, which is invalid once the certificate is issued. A point to

(and again, I stress that it is only the minority) are not sending out "continuation" however, is a practice a few go very much further sending out "continuation" can lead to serious then that They may make out cover notes. They ere saying that the additional premium is that the cover notes are being the cover notes. kept on file and are available should they be needed.

Apart from the inconvenience

of not having the cover note with you, in case it is asked for, with you, in case it is asked for, a certificate (or cover note) has to be "delivered" and it could be argued that it has not been delivered if it has merely been lying in the broker's office.

Basically, therefore, a certificate of insurance (or its temporary equivalent, the cover note) is a piece of paper to show policemen, licensing authorities, injured third parties and others entitled to see it. The certificate is evidence that cover is in force as required by the Road Traffic Act; but it is the terms and conditions of the policy which really matter, and, clearly, the certificate cannot incorporate all the terms and exclusions.

So, be wary of the certificate.

So, be wary of the certificate. If in doubt on any point, be prepared to wade through the policy wording, or ask your insurers in advance.

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Stock markets

Index rises 20.7 over the week

for a year.

Deniers said that early losses were quickly reversed when bergan hunters made their presence felt around Junchtime. this led to a widespread markup which in turn, hastened the closing of "bear" positions before the weekend.

The PT Index, 14 down at 10 an, was 3.9 ahead at midday and 6.9 better at 486.7 by the official close. This left it a strong 20.7 up over the week, the first of the present account. In the Government bond market there were gains of around one quarter throughout the range. The latest set of currency reserves figures were fully discounted

Housebuilder Orme Developments rose 3p to 57p on fresh talk of a possible takeover. Ever since Mr Peter Whitfield, chairsince Mr Peter Whitfield, chairman, and joint managing director Mr Robert Tamer reduced their stake earlier this year the market has expected them to sell the rest of their holding, now around 20 per cent. A suitor could be attracted by the group's land which might be had at a discount.

News of takeover talks with National Starch of the United States lifted Unilever 10p to 538p with Beechams up by the same amount to 635p. Other strong leaders were Glaxo, up 7p to 592p, Metal Box 6p to 292p and ICI 4p ahead at 366p. The rejection of the Seagrams terms gave a late boost to Glenlivet which ended 20p to the good at 490p in the hope of good at 490p in the hope of better terms. Both Arthur Bell 8p to 376p and Macallen Glenivet 30p to 298p continued to gain ground on talk of rationalization in the industry. Elsewhere in the drinks sector

It was the mixture as before of figures and Bass Charrington in their fully paid form, closed as share prices rose strongly on firmed to 162p on the strength at 890p.

the lowest number of bargains of this week's bullish statement. A profits setback lowered pharmaceutical group Sangers no less than 22p to 88p with nacathys ending 5p off ar 94p in sympathy. Press comment was good for rises in Spink & Son Over in insurances there was a 10p to 312p, FW Thorpe at 55p and Metalrax at 38p. Others to Sind good support included Son. find good support included Sun-light which closed a solid 13p ad at 403p.

In papers the way shead was led by Bowater up 6p to 181p and News International 9p to 247p. But Sir Joseph, strong all week in front of yesterday's figures, failed to liven up to dealers' best kopes and ended 2p lower at 16p. 2p lower at 16p. Hoping for further takeover

news Federated Chemical was marked up 4p to 80p while S. Simpso io A continued to attract speculative support with a rise of 3p to 90p.

BP continued to be lowered by transatlantic selling with the old losing 20p to 880p. The new, dividend policy.

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Sangers (I) 44.9(40.7)
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Somic (I) 1.02(0.8)
Spooner Inds (F) 10.1(9.4)
Tomkinsons (F) 10.9(9.4)
Unoochrome (F) 17.0c(11.8)
W. Williams (I) 3.9(3.4)

The clearing banks continued much firmer look after the weakness of the previous day which had stemmed from the growth of industrial fire claims. Two of the strongest spots were Legal & General, up 4p to 154p, and Commercial Union which by the same amount to

Following the fall after figures Racal regained ground ngures kacal regamed ground with a rise of 8p to 216p.

A warning on future margins lowered Bishops Stores 5p to 180p but other company statements were good for rises of several pence in Scapa at 107p, Spooner Industries at 46p and Somic at 31p. Illingworth Morris held steady at 34p after figures

Latest results

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0.68(0.42) 1.01(0.79) 0.11b(0.27) 0.03(0.009) 0.31(0.36b)

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banks 'gathered 'some steam, notably Arbuthnot-Dathau which ended with a rise of 8p to 150p. In stores Scottish Universal Investments rose 6p

International Commission rested

After a rather indifferent

week some of the merchant

at 95p, just a jew pence under the Northern Engineering bid to which ICH has already made a fighting reply. Unimpressed, NE yesterday bluntly reminded ICH that it had won control and had no intention of raising its offer. However, there was also City talk that ICH and its adviser, Robert Flemming, had persuaded institutions with around 15 per cent of shares not to accept NE. Other ICH shareholders need not do so

to 83p. Benn Brothers was a firm feature with a gain of 8p to 65p.

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yet either.

Illingworth, Morris puts sparkle into

By Our Financial Staff
Yorkshire textiles group
Illingworth, Morris turned in almost doubled pre-tax profits of £2m for the six months to September 30. This was in line with market expectations and compares with a previous

Sales rose by about 10 per cent from £53.4m to £59m but Mr Ivan Hill, chairman, reports that the group is not looking that the group is not looking simply for volume turnover.
"We are going for profits and profit margins", he said. And pre-tax margins in the period widened from a previous 1.9 per cent to 3.5 per cent.

The largest increase in sales came in the home market where, in financial terms, they rose from £24.5m to £28m.

Trading conditions are cur-

Trading conditions are cur-rently variable, according to the chairman. Strong export markets are liable to react against further strengthening of sterling whereas home demand prospects show signs of mar-ginal improvement. On balance, ginal improvement. On balance, the more favourable profit level shown for the first half year should be maintained in the second, he reports.

Exports, both direct and indirect, amounted to £30.6m in the period, against £28.6m previously.

viously.

Mr Hill said, after the announcement of the figures; that he would like to see vigorous action to deal with subsidized imports and dumping in the United Kingdom. If: necessary a tax should be put on subsidized goods, he said. However, he warned that an absolute restriction on cheap imports would put a restriction on world trade and would not be in the best interests of the country or the company.

Illingworth is not seeking anything more than reasonable

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividends by 1.515. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net. a includes third interim just declared of 0.02. b Loss. c For 15 months. Drop in photographic sales jolts Sangers

By Bryan Appleyard

Sangers Group, the wholesale chemists, saw its shares fall 20 per cent after a 33 per cent drop in profits in the six months to August 31 because of intense pressure on margins.

Turnover advanced by 10 per cent from £40.7m to £44.9m but pre-tax profits fell from £1.2m to £815,000, indicating a fall in margins from 3 to 1.8 per cent. Mr Hugh Nicholson, chair-man, blames the failure of turn-over to keep pace with inflation on a fall in photographic sales against a strong first-half last

In pharmaceuticals there was a small volume increase though this was offset by lower margins and the absence of stock profits on the same scale as last year. Mr Nicholson has strong feelings on the problem of margins and he amacks competitors who

Rank sells

Canadian

cinemas

to restore profits to higher levels". The interim dividend is unchanged at 2.73p gross and the shares fell 22p to 88p, where historically they yield 10 per cent with a price earnings ratio

have been trimming theirs by

Overheads have risen with in Overheads have risen with in-flation but there has been an additional charge of about £100,000 because of special costs in Northern Ireland and diver-

sification into optics.
In general, comments Mr

Nicholson, trading has been difficult and no significant

change in the level of profits in the second-half against the

opening leg is expected.

However, he adds: "Action has already been taken to im-

prove gross margins and the board is reviewing all aspects

reducing service levels.

Margins dip as Scapa rises 9 pc

Rank Overseas Holdings, a subsidiary of the Rank Organisation, has encered into an agreement with Canadian Theatres Group, a Canadian owned corporation, to sell its interest in Odeon Holdings (Canada) the cinema group, for \$2111m A record year is well under way at Scapa Group. This maker of paper-machine, industrial felts and cloths, filter fabrics and waste disposal units is set to improve upon last year's peak profit of £7.5m before tax. Sales for the six months to September 30 have risen 24 per cent m 30 have risen 24 per cent to £25.3m and pre-tax profits by 9 per cent to £3.1m indicating a drop in margins from 15.2 to

It is usual for the group's second half to produce a bigger profit than the first, and the board can see no reason why this should not be the case this time round. If it managed merely to equal the £4.4m brought in during the second half of last year it would end with a bumper £7.8m.

The board says that in the first half all divisions increased their turnover against a back-ground of parchy trading condi-tions. In the United Kingdom the paper-machine clothing divisions suffered a narrowing of margins, particularly in exports but "significant progress" is reported at the industrial textiles division, which increased its share of group sales. World-wide trading continued to be important and United Kingdom exports improved.

Oil & Assoc half-time record

By Tony May

Record results from Oil & Associated Investment Trust underline the statement in the annual report that North Sea oil and gas developments continued to be encouraging, and in many cases the results were exceeding the forecasts. In the event, gross revenue for the six months to September 30 rose from £201,000 to £214,000 and pre-tax revenue from £129,000 to £162,000.

The group's net asset value and has reached about 81n. This is after allowing for the net interim dividend of 2.31p. but does not take into account the full convertibility of the loan stock. After this adjustment the net asset value is

79p.
The group, in which Pearl
Assurance has an 8.24 per cent stake, has investments including "a substantial" exposure in the North Sea. Its six largest invest-ments include stakes in Shell Transport & Trading, BP, ICL, Standard Oil, Petrofina, and IC

BCA withdraws from battle for Nationwide By Alison Mitchell

British Car Auction has given up the fight to gain control of Nationwide Leisure. Almost a year after it fired its first salvo with a £618,000 take-over bid. BCA has sold its 28 per cent stake in the caravan

sites company.

However, the group, chaired by Mr David Wickins, has not left the fray completely empty-

handed.
The 1.77 million holding in Nationwide was sold at 14 p a share against a buying price of just under 10p, giving the group a gross profit of around £80,000. After costs, this leaves a net surplus of about £50.000. according to the chairman. As yet there is no indication

as to the new owner of the equity, however, Mr Wickins revealed last night that BCA was approached by the com-pany last week and offered some £257,000 for the stake. It is expected that Nationwide will make an announcement concerning the sale at the annual meeting on December

The BCA courtship of ment banking company Finan-Nationwide has been fraught cial Network Guaranty may have



Mr David Wickin chairman of British Car Auction.

Although at one point holding acceptances representing 47.8 per cent of the shares, BCA proved unable to reach the decisive 50 per cent level.

Unconfirmed reports suggest that the privately contains the point point point to be privately contains the point po that the privately-owned invest-

with difficulties throughout picked up the holding.

Canadian libeatres Group has already paid \$1.5m which is to be followed by a payment of \$24.5m when the deal is completed in a few weeks time. The remainder will be paid in instalments of \$1m per amount over a period of five years starting on the third anniversary of completion with interest payable. PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT been told of a change of car, watch is that a cover note is the cover may be restricted to issued only for a limited period.

est payable.

Odeon Holdings consists of 130 cinemas, 80 of which are freehold properties, amounting to 170 screens. The book value

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Unit trust performance

Growth and specialist funds (progress this year and the past three years). Unitholder index 2022.5; rise from January 1, 1977: 27.1%. Average change offer to bid, net income included, over past 12 months: +36.2% over last three years: 106.5%. Statistics supplied by Money Management and Unitholder, Greystoke Place, Fetter Lane, London, EC4.

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of these cinemas amounts to about \$30m. Profits of Odeon about \$30m. Profits of Odeon Holdings last year amounted to \$3m. The money from the sale will remain in Cauada and will be used to reduce borrowings on a property development the group is undertaking in the Toronto area.

In return Rank Overseas will have been Aversed Weep. buy back Steel Art and Neon Sign Services from Odeon Holdings, for about \$3.4m or on a sum to which both parties will agree, **Incheape drops out of** has decided to let its offer, which was bettered by Fruehauf a week ago, lapse. Acceptances were received on 1.49 million shares, about 9.7 per cent, and Inchcape already held 7.5 per cent of Crane. Inchcape still stands to make a profit on its

involvement if it accepts Frue-hauf's 100p a share offer. The Inchcape board remains convinced that Crane would have been a logical addition to the business. Its withdrawal leaves Crane to face Fruehauf alone. After trying for 13 months, in the face of bitter opposition from Crane, Fruehauf corporation claimed a stake of over 44 per cent this

Crane Fruehauf auction Victory is now assured for J LYONS
Fruehauf Corporation, in its in accordate indicated In accordance with his intentions indicated at a senior management meeting last March Mr J. M. H. Gluckstein has decided to leave company to pursue private in-terests. He was resigned from REED & SMITH (HOLDINGS) St Regis International has bought 13.6 per cent of company and has indications of acceptance for a further 37.4 per cent as part of its agreed 63p a share cash offer for

GLOBE AND PROENTX GLOBE AND PHOEMIX.
Globe and Phoemix Gold has proceedinal problems, parity because report and accounts of Phoemix Prince for year to March 1977 will be distributed to shareholders chords. Panel agrees for offer documents to be despained by December 31. JAMES WARREN

Group reports that in recent months it has held several discus-sions about a possible menger. At present it seems unlikely that pro-gress will be made towards success. Further statement in next Company, absorbed into Oce-van ler Grinten NV in April is reorgan-izing. It will mean loss of 450 jobs. few weeks. Warren has sold its pairy T -- husiness to Associated

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Better results from Unochrome Int

Pre-tax profits at Unochrome

International rose to £705,000.

in the fifteen months to September 30 against £574,000 for the

previous 12 months. Turnover

has also shown a considerable increase, from £11.8m to £17m, however earnings per share have fallen from a previous

1.73p to 1.44p.

Alpine Drinks goes into leisurewear

An expansion of the business quarter of the current year has long been signalled by were encouraging in spite of the Alpine Soft Drinks, and record serious downturn in consumer spending. The group recently invested a further £500,000 in profits for the half year to September 24 are accompanied by new equipment and attendant working capital. news of a purchase. The group is planning to buy two com-panies which make and distribute leisure wear. This is a new direction for Alpine, which made a rights issue in June.

Two factories, plant vehicles and fix: s are being pur-chased f £160,000 cash from the rece r of J. H. Hood and Charles Curtis and a managing director with long experience of the textile industry is being en-gaged to run the operation. The board says that this is only the first stage in the group's diversification plans.

Meanwhile, the group has managed an 8 per cent rise in pre-tax profits for the first half. After a dip in margins from 18.9 per cent to 16.9 per cent. The directors say that this is a The directors say that this is a return to more normal levels after the exceptional margins achieved last summer.

Highams leap 50 pc in first half

If Highams, the Lancashire-based textile group can main-tain the momentum of the first half, which saw pre-tax profits leap 50 per cent to £506,000, it should have no difficulty in beating last year's record of £922,000. Back in July Mr Wilsam Higham, chairman, said that the profits for the first forman.

Glaxo sells its stake

in Murp'v Chems Glaxo Baldings has sold all its shares in Murphy Chemical to Dalgety UK, a subsidiary of Dalgety. Murphy is engaged in the formulation, packing and distribution of agricultural pesticidal chemicals. Dalgety UK intends to continue to expand the existing business of the company. Murphy will be maintained as a separate accountable entity within the Dalgety chemical division.

Nevertheless, within the new framework of its new parent it will have access to the knowhow of a group which already has extensive experience in that the profits for the first agriculture worldwide.

don Grain Fatteres Market (Gafta). origin.—BARLEY was steady: lan. 35; March. £73.55; May. £75.50. t. £77.85; Nov. £79.50. Ost. WhEAT. old crop. fully dy: new clop. barely steady.—len. t. March. £81.05; May. £85; Sopt. 50; Nov. £82.80. Sales, 70 lots. e-Growa Carvais Authority.—Log carlarm sopt prices:—

PRESTON MENES Group negotiating agreement with Ontario Hydro on reopening of Preston's Stanleigh property in Ontario. Uranium concentrates produced would be sold to Ontario Hydro.

Gold

Foreign Discount market Exchange

The dollar weakened further on exchanges yesterday said this reflected a continued lack of confidence in the

currency because of the economic situation in America. Heavy sup-

Spot Position

Forward Levels

of Sterling

There were no great difficulties for the discount houses yesterday, though credit was less plentiful than at first seemed likely. The Bank of England gave a moderate amount of help by purchasing Treasury bills directly from the houses. This assistance was probably a little more than the situation really warranted and bank balances seemed likely to be carried scross the weekend at levels pather above target. port by the Bundesbank and the Swiss National Bank was needed to prevent the dollar from falling

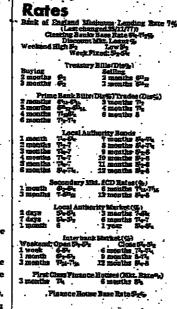
ried across the weekend at levels rather above target.

During the morning houses held their bids around the 52 per cent level. Though conditions became fairly patthy in the afternoon, with rates dropping to 4 per cent then turning up to 41 per cent again, the close was eventually pretty comfortable, allowing books to be balanced for the day in the range of 3 to 32 per cent. Working in the market's favour were above-target balances brought over from Thursday by the banks and Exchequer disbursements that provided a shable margin over tax receipts. to prevent the dollar from falling-even more steeply.

Sterling ended 30 points up at \$1.8205, but the effective exchange rate index was unchanged at 63.3.

The pound climbed to around \$1.8230 at one time, but dealers said this probably reflected one sizeable commercial order in a thin market. The currency reserves were as expected and did not affect the rate. affect the rate.
German marks rose from 2.2130 to 2.2055 against the dollar, while Swiss francs strengthened from 2.1425 to 2.1345. The Japanese yen climbed from .242.80 to 242.40.
Gold lost \$1.50 an onnce to close in London at \$158.625.

Money Market



WESTERN: MINING
Western Mining told annual meeting that he expects first half operating profit will be materially less than for same period, it was not possible to predict full-year result at present. Net operating profit was A10.76m in the first half of last year and \$24.51m in the full year.

Commodities

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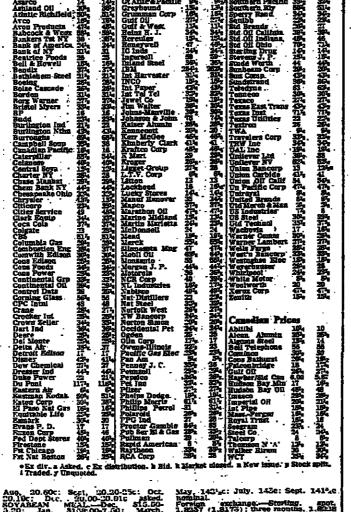
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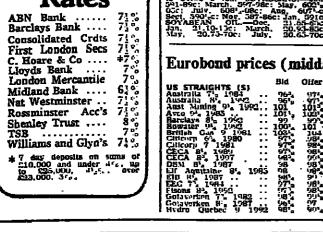
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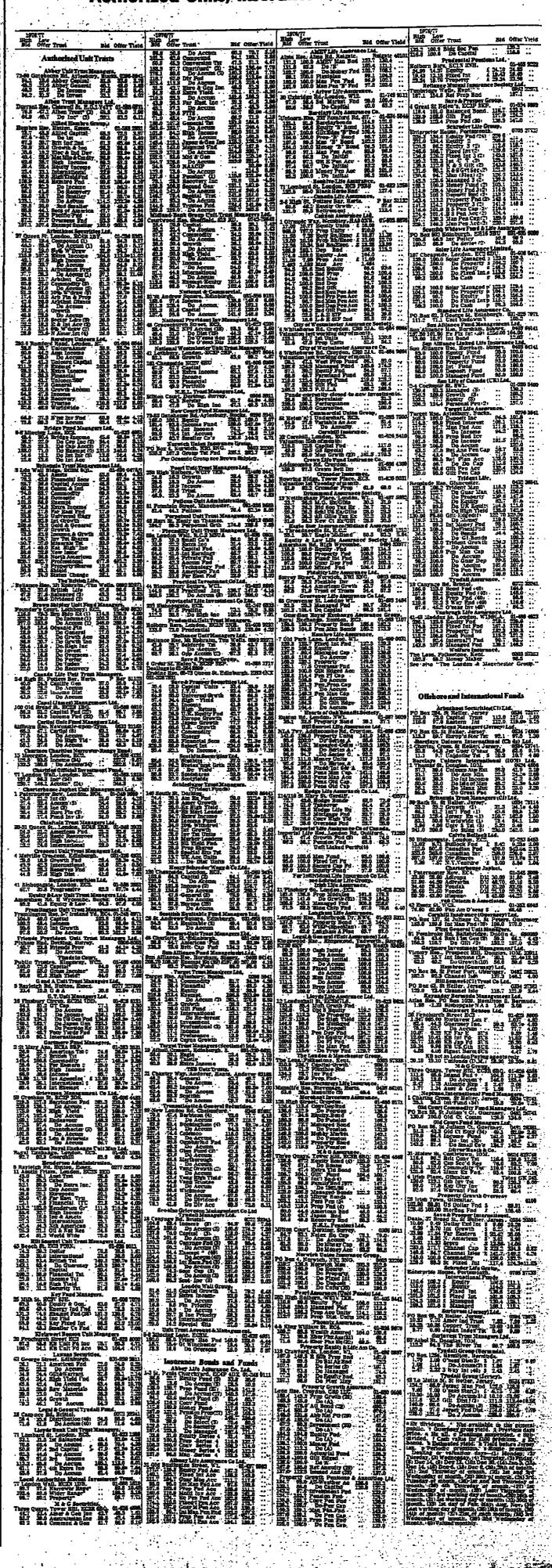




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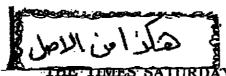
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(2) On the view his Lordship had taken and in the light of the opinions expressed in Arenson v Arenson (1977) AC 405), particularly that of Lord Salmon, his Lordship would, with the greatest deference, not follow Clark v Kirkby-Smith (1964). Ch 506) and Bagot v Stevens Scanlon & Co (1966) I QB 197:

(3) His Lordship was not so

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(4) Even if his Lordship were wrong about that, those cases were in conflict with the Court of Appeal's interpretation in the Rsso case, by which his Lordship was bound.

(5) If his Lordship were not so bound, there was at least a conflict between decisions of the Court of Appeal, and his Lordship, having to elect which to foliow, would follow what was said by the Master of the Rolls in the Esso case.

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(5) If his Lordship were not so bound, there was at least a conflict between decisions of the Court of Appeal, and his Lordship, having to elect which to follow, would follow what was said by the Master of the Rolls in the Esso case.

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have discovered that damage might occur or take steps to prevent it or seek redress. His Lordship said that in no spirit of criticism of Mr Kenneth Stubs

and his partners, for often in such cases solicitor defendants - were not entirely free agents as to the defences that could be raised on their behalf.

The argument had shown as

their behalf.

The argument had thrown up three principal questions of law or mixed fact and law. (1) Assuming that an action based on the original failure to register was statute barred, did anything occur subsequently imposing a fresh duty the neglect of which could be made the basis of complaint? (2) Did the solicitors, spart from any contractual obligations, owe a general duty giving rise to an action in tort, when but only when damage was occasioned? (3) On the footing of a solely

Midland Bank Trust Co Ltd and Azother y Hett, Stubbs & Kemp (a firm)

Before Mr Justice Oliver
[Judgment delivered November 21]
His Lordship held a firm of solicitors liable in tort for failing activative at the best of times, in the complex of the purpose or necessity for registration.

To the claim now made the solicitors pleaded that any action was burred by the Limitation Act, 1939. A plea of limitation, unsurrective with the purpose or necessity for registration. materials without eroding civil liberties

[Judgment delivered November 21]
His Lordship held a firm of solicitors liable in tort for failing to register an option to purchase a farm, and also liable in contract, though more than six years had elapsed from the date when it ought reasonably to have been registered before action was brought he was giving a reserved judgment in an action brought by Midland Bank Trust Co Ltd and Mrs Ann Green, as executors, against Hett, Stubbs & Kemp, solicitors, of Brigg, Lincoltablire, who had acted in relation to the uption on behalf of tion to the uption on behalf of the testator, the late Mr Geoffrey Mr Jeremiah Harman, OC, and

Mr Jonathan Farker for the plain-tiffs; Mr R. A. Gazehouse, QC, and Mr Ian McCulloch for the His LORDSHIP said that Mr Green owned Gravel Hill Farm of 300 acres in Thornton le Moor, Lincolnshire, which was let to his elder son, Mr. Geoffrey Green, at a yearly rent of F900. In March, 1961, it was agreed between them that Geoffrey should have an option to purchase at 1755 as 755 arms of colors and the state of the control of the colors of th next 10 years. To put that agree-ment into a regular and enforce-able form, they visited the solici-tors' firm of hett. Davy & Stubbs (now Hett, Sinbbs & Kemp), which had previously acted for each of them individually. They saw Mr Aylmer Stubbs, a solici-tor of great experience in convey-ancing, who drew up a formal option agreement, for which the consideration paid by Geoffrey to his father was £1.

There was no shadow of doubt

a general duty giving 115e to an action in tort, when, but only when damage was occasioned?

(3) On the footing of a solely contractual liability, was an action barred by the 1939 Act?

Did a fresh duty arise after July 21, 1966—a date six years before action brought? Mr Harman suggested that because the exercise of the option was crucial to a scheme which Geoffrey was proposing in June, 1967, it became Mr Renneth Stubbe's duty to check upon the registration of the option. But that was not what he was asked to do; his instructions were given in the context of harmonious family relationships, and his Lordship could see no reason why the possibility of Walter disposing of the land in defiance of the option should have been present to his mind. If there was no continuing duty to register, there was nothing in the instructions in June, 1967, to revice or create some fresh duty. His Lordship therefore could not accept the submission.

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Were the statistors Hable in tort? The critical question was whether the claim was barred at or before the date when Walter disposed of the land. Mr Gateruise contended (1) that a solicitor's duty arose from the contract of retainer alone, and that there was no general duty to exercise care and skill, such as would found an action in tort if damage resulted. (2) In breach of contract cases time ran from the date of the breach, which was complete when the cause of action arose, even if the damages at that date were nominal only. (3) The only breach, here, was failure to register which was complete which was complete which was certainly before Angust 17, 1961.

Mr Harman contended that there was an alternative cause of There was no shadow of doubt There was no shadow of doubt that it was the firm's duty to see that Geoffrey's interest was fully protected by registration of the option under the Land Charges Act, 1925. F.w some reason which remained a mystery the option remained unregistered until September, 1957, when it was registered by another member of the firm, Mr Kenneth Stubbs.

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That was already too late since Walter Green, having repented of the grant of the option and consulted other solicitors, discovered that it had not been registered and determined to defeat it by conveying the farm to his wife for a small but not entirely nominal consideration of 5500. That transaction was completed on Australia consideration of 5500. That transaction was completed on August 17, 1967, over six years after the grant of the option. In proceedings by Geoffrey's executors against the executors of his father and mother, his Lordship held that the option had been defeated, except for a claim to damages against Walter's estate.

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On July 21, 1972, febrily negotiations for a settlement of the dispute having failed, Geoffrey began the present action against his former solicitors for damages for breach of professional duty. The damage had been great, being estimated by accountants, in 1967, at £37,750. But the damage did not end there: Geoffrey's inability to acquire the freehold meant an increased rent and, on 17, 1961. Mr Harman contended that Mr Harman contended that there was an alternative cause of action in tort which was not complete if the the damage was sustained in August, 1967, well within six years before issue of the writ. He contended that the result of Esso Petroleum Co Ltd v Mardon ([1976] OB 801) in the Court of Appeal had been to destroy the validity of the view heretufore generally accepted that the solicitor's kability was contractual only. After a detailed study of numerous cases his Lordship reached the following conclusions. Ty of recurse,

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Mr Gerald Godfrey, QC, and
Mr Norman Primost for the appel-lants: Mr Leonard Hoffmann, OC,
and Mr Michael Driscoll for Mil-LORD JUSTICE GOFF said that

research was going on on a fairly substantial scale.

As regards security, on the one hand a minister had to protect these sensitive materials and do it in such a way as to provide a credible deterrent against an attack on them without leading to a situation where acceptable levels of civil liberty were eroded.

On this he could only give the classic answer of those by whom he was advised, that an increase in surveillance, in vetting, would not go above the normal level.

A question which was raised was whether it was possible that technology which was intended to permit man to control his environment became the instrument by which man himself was more fully controlled. When man became dependent upon high technology, was he creating a situation where what he thought was liberation was really vulnerability? These were questions society must face and could not brush aside.

The Abse said that if the Winderstein LORD JUSTICE GOFF said that after the parties had agreed on the terms of the proposed sale. Millbank had promised orally that they would enter into a contract for the sale of the properties if the appellants procured a backer's draft for the decosit, attended at Millbank's offices at a certain date, and tendered their part of the contract. The appellants had compiled with those contitions, but Millbank had refused to exchange contracts. The appellants chained damages for the breach of the unilateral contract to enter into a contract of sale, which they contended had come into existence. and could not brush aside.

Mr Abse sald that if the Windscale report passed through normal planning procedures without debate there would be considerable disease. ence.
Three questions of law arose. On the first, whether the facts established a volid undertal or "" contract, his Lordship held that able dismay.

This House cannot abdicate its responsibility (he said) in a decision which could be the penultimate decision before we go into a plutonium economy. they did, as the appellants and satisfied the conditions and prof-fered their part of the written contract, duty engrossed and stried for exchange.

The second question was whether The second question was whether section 40 applied to the case. Since thone of the English cases was precisely in point, and the nearest ones were in any event unsatisfactory in certain respects, it was necessary to consider how the matter stood in principle. The question was resolved by the words of section 40.

words of section 40.
The unitateral contract was not a contract for the "sale" of land, since it was a separate end independent contract to enter into such a contract; but it was a contract for some other "disposition" of an interest in land.

It was not necessary, that the

The third question was whether there had been sufficient acts of part performance to take the case out of the statute. There had not. The appellants relied on the acts done by them to satisfy the conditions of the unilateral contract. But none of those acts, of themselves, pointed to any contract between the parties. Indeed they suggested that the parties contemplated making a contract. It was only if one first looked to see what the oral contract was, and saw that it was a unilateral contract, that the acts could begin to be regarded as nart performance. Such an inquiry was not permitted: Steadman v Steadman ([1976] AC 536].

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gave a concurring juugment, and went on to consider a reference during argument to a passage in Tiverton Estates v Woarmell Ltd (1975) 1ch 147, 159), where the Master of the Rolls had commented on the earlier Court of Appeal decision in Low v Jones ([1974] Ch 112). His Lordship, emphasizing that his observations had no bearing on the decision of the present appeal, said that Low v Jones appeared to have occasioned much misunderstanding. The case had not decided that a letter written "subject to couract" or forming part of a correspondence conducted subject to a "subject to contract" stipulation could constitute a none or memorandum of an oral agreement sufficient to satisfy the statute, at any rate, so long as the "subject to contract" stipulation constituted operations. satisfy the statute, at any rate, so long as the "subject to contract" stipplication remained operative. What it had decided was that, if the parties subsequently entered into a new and distinct oral agreement, the facts might be such that the earlier letter could form part of a sufficient note or memorandum of the letter oral agreement notwithstanding that it had been "subject to contract" in relation to the earlier bargain.

bargain.

It had also decided the quite different point that, to satisfy the statute, a written note or memo-randum need not acknowledge the endstence of the contract, although it had to record all the essential terms. In that respect it was un-doubtedly in conflict with Tiver-

ex hypothesi no contract existed ex dypoment in Contract existence of a contract made at a later date. Lord Justice Orr concurred with the judgment of Lord Justice Buckley. The appeal was dismissed. Leave to appeal was refused. .

as an offence under section 15. By section 15(1) "A person who by any deception dishonestly obtains property belonging to another, with the intention of permanently depriving the other of it, shall on conviction on indictment be liable to imprisonment." By subsection (4) "deception " meant " any deception (whether deliberate or reckless) by words or conduct as to fact or law". The combined effect of sections 25 and 15 was that the offence under section 25 (1) was proved when the following ingredients were present: (1) articles to be [Judgment delivered Nov 24]
The Court of Appeal decided that a wine waiter dishonestly intending to sell his own wines and spirits to customers at his place of work by a deception that the drinks were those of his employers had been property convicted of going equipped to cheat, contrary to section 25(1) of the Theft Act, 1988. If that conclusion was contrary to obtter dicta in R v Rashid ([1977] 1 WLR 298), then those dicta would be differed from. when the following ingredients were present: (1) articles to be used for a deception; (2) a proposed deception; (3) intention to deprive another of property; (4) dishonesty of the accused; and (5) that the obtaining would have been wholly or partially by the deception. from .
Their Lordships refused an application by the waiter, Joseph David Doukas, aged 35, to appeal

circumstances, in particular the commodity proffered. In the present case the question was whether a hypothetical customer would have bought the applicant's wines and spirits if he had been told the truth; and it was a question for the jury to answer.

Gertainly he would not. It would be a strange jury who concluded otherwise, and it would also be a strange customer who would have done otherwise. The hypothetical customer must be reasonably houest; and no such customer would make otherwise. The hypothetical customer must be reasonably houest; and no such customer would make himself a party to a fraud by an employee on his employers.

If those conclusions were contrary to the dicta in Rashid, their Lordships must differ from them, but it was not essential to consider whether their Lordships were so differing.

The judge was right to let the case go to the jury. There was no basis on which the application could be founded and it was accordingly refused.

Solicitors: Registrar of Criminal Appeals: Meropoolitis Police hibited staff carrying such drinks to work.

Ar the trial the Crown had relied on admissions said by police officers to have been made by the applicant but denied by him to the effect that he intended to obtain dishonestly for himself customers' money by the deception that his wines and spirits which would be supplied to them were in fact those of the hotel. The defence had unsuccessfully submitted that there was no evidence in support of the charge under section 25(1) to be put before the jury.

It was contended for the applicant that the judge was wrong in law in rejecting the submission, since the facts of the case, in all material respects, were the same as those in R v Rushid. [There a since the facts of the case, in all material respects, were the same as those in R v Rushid. [There a Eritish Rail steward who had intended to sell the own sandwiches was said by the Court of Appeal not to have been guilty of an offence under the section.]

Section 25(5) defined "cheat" consider we were so did to the index of the case go to basis on could be accordingly of Appeal not to have been guilty of an offence under the section.]

Section 25(5) defined "cheat" Solicitor.

Queen's Bench Division Continuing nuisance

Masters v Brent London Borough Council
Before Mr Justice Taibot

[Judgment delivered Nov 22]

Where there is a continuing nuisance inflicting damage on premises the person in possession of the interest may recover losses which he has borne, whether he acquired it before or after the nuisance began. The test is what the lost is which the owner of the land has to meet in respect of the continuing nuisance affecting the interest.

His Lordship gave judgment for Mr John William Masters, of Wendover Road, Harlesden, London, ou his claim that a continuing nuisance, created by the roots of a lime tree planted by Brent Lordson Rorough Council or supported that the ball and called in a building firm which reported that the ball and called in a building firm which reported that the ball and called in a building firm which reported that the ball and called in a building firm which reported that the ball and called in a building firm which reported that the bay at the front of the house had subsided and prepared that the bay at the front of the house had subsided and prepared that the bay at the front of the house had subsided and prepared that the bay at the front of the house had subsided and prepared that the bay at the front of the house had subsided and prepared that the bay at the front of the house had subsided and prepared that the bay at the front of the house had subsided and prepared that the bay at the front of the post that the post of the prepared has subsided and prepared that the bay at the front of the satisfact the prepared has subsided and prepared that the bay at the front of the house had subsided and prepared that the bay at the front of the subsided and prepared that the bay at the first house had subsided and prepared that the bay at the first house had subsided and prepared that the bay at the first house had subsided and prepared that the bay at the first house had subsided and prepared the freshold interest to his sectionate for purities. The house had subsided and prepared the feature for puriti

ing the interest.

His Lordship gave judgment for Mr John William Masters, of Wendover Road, Barlesden, London, on his claim that a continuing nuisance, created by the roots of a lime tree planted by Brent London Borough Council on adjacent land, had undermined the foundations of his premises. He was awarded £1,333 damages in respect of the rebuilding and rejustatement. reinstatement. Mr Michael Harris for Mr Masters; Mr Ian Goldsworthy for the council. HIS LORDSHIP said that the

HIS LORDSHIP said that the council accepted that the roots of the lime tree had encroached on the Mr Masters's land; that the encroachment was an actionable nuisance; and that the tree caused subsidence in the land, though the amount of the subsidence was in least.

Did Mr Masters have a right to claim for the damage? He lived in the house with his wife and father, who had the leasohold interest in it. Mr Masters poticed

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that there was a continuing actionable nuisance affecting the land, both during the father's ownership and Mr Masters's, there was, in fact, continuing damage and that Mr Masters, who had remedied the damage at his ownership was damage at his own expense, was entitled to recover the costs as

In his Lordship's judgment that submission was contect. Where there was a continuing misance inflicting damage on premises, the person who was in possession of the interest could recover losses which he had borne, whether the nuisance began before or after the acquisition of the interest. The cost was: what is the loss which the owner of the land has to meet in respect of the continuing nuisance affecting his land?

Solicitors: Parsons, Keans & Solicitors : Parsons, Evans & Francis ; Barlow, Lyde & Gilbert.

their national sovereignty, and then they would be able to resist A handful of stolen plutoninum if used within a nuclear device placed in Old Palace Yard, could the siting of nuclear plant in create immediate radiation which would be lettral over sufficient Mr Robin Cook (Edinburgh, Cen Mr Robin Cook (Edinburgh, Central, Lah) said the consideration of nuclear proliferation would also have to be weighed in the balance. There was no doubt that if the West chose a nuclear energy supply based on a closed nuclear fuel cycle other countries would follow. They would be encouraged to do so at the risk of accelerating nuclear weapon proliferation. Mr Geoffrey Johnson Smith (East Grinstead, C) said the fundamental question on which people had to be convinced was to what extent the country was faced with Mould be tental over sufficient resistance totally to destroy Parliament and would disperse radioactive material to envelope all Whitehall. Mr. Leo Abse (Pontypool, Lab) sald, opening a debate on nuclear power and the environ

to be convinced was to what extent the country was faced with
an energy gap. The Secretary of
State for Energy would be wholly
derelict in his duty if he did not
accept that there was a serious
problem on energy unless Britain
unilaterally opted out of its industrial system, with all of the economic and social hazards involved
in such a process.

Mr Ronald Brown (Hackney, South and Shoreditch, Lab) said there was a strong indication that

unless the Government were pre-nared to make decisions now be-cause of the long lead times neces-sary in this technology the coun-try was unlikely to have sufficient energy resources available by 1990 and beyond.

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Mr Toby lessel (Richmond upon Thames, Twickenham, C) said it would be crazy not to develop to the maximum the potential for those sources of energy which would never run out—the sun, wares and tide.

The energy gap was so great that they must use nuclear power. Nuclear energy was a fact of life which they could not go back on. Mr Tom King, Opposition spokesman on energy (Bridgwaper, C), said options should be kept open. Research into different forms of energy should be pursued vigorously. The Government were slowly increasing their work in that sphere and it needed to be pursued actively.

What was happening to the further research and development into watte disposal which was promised by the Government on May 27? That also needed to be pursued with vigour

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May 27? That also needed to be pursued with vigour

There was a case for proceeding with one domestic plutonium commercial fast-breeder reactor, but acceptance of that was hedged with important qualifications. It must not be in the place of research into different forms of energy and it must not form a commitment to a continuing programme at that stage. It must be regarded as an insurance premium and it should not proceed until there had been a public inquiry. Mr Authony Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Energy (Bristol, South-East, Lab), said if decisions were to be controlled

with the bazards of nuclear terrorism set out in the Flowers terrorism set out in the Flowers report, this House calls upon the Government to give an assurance that no decisions will be made which would lead to the creation of a plutonium-based economy without full regard to the protection of existing civil liberties; and, apprehensive of the dangers of the creation of plutonium in large quarrities in conditions of increasnantities in conditions of incr quantities in conditions of increasing world unrest, calls upon the Government to make a more positive response to the initiatives of President Carter to bring a halt to nuclear proliferation."

He said that the Flowers report was surely the most fazeful produced in this generation. It was uncomfortable, with no soft reassurances.

reassurances.

The Royal Commission poses for the nation the said) the challenge which arises to life and liberty if we presume with excessive haste and overwhelming hubris to hustle Britain into the plutonium

If in future we move into these nuclear reactor systems in the manner projected by the Atomic Energy Authority, the amount of Energy Authority, the amount of plutomium, the most noxious toxic material known to man, will be of such quantity and require such transportation throughout the land and have so many people concerned with its use and aware of its potentialities, that the present security arrangements for the existing storage of small quantities of grantum over a few sites would be totally inadequate.

No responsible government

No responsible government would dare to refuse in take all the security measures which could be devised to protect their citizens from the consequences of even a small quantity of plutonium falling into evil hands.
One of the major implications ras that there would come into sistence an assault on their rights. existence an assault on their rights. A single serious incident would bring irresistible pressure to increase security measures, to a degree which would be regarded, except in a totalitarian state, as intolerable, but which could not be avoided because of the extent of the dependence on plutonium for energy.

of the dependence on plutonium for energy.

The growth of a specialized armed service to guard plutonium, particularly while it was in transit, was a cause for severe misgivings. Physical searches alone of workers would not be enough. The Department of Energy's apologia on the issue, in the form of a press notice, was not reassuring. It said that surveillance would be extended only to those engaging in subversive, violent or otherwise unlawful activities.

(Bristol, South-East, Lab), said if decisions were to be controlled then they must be understood and that meant that all the information available must be published. It was easy, in ignorance, to misunderstand the position.

In considering such difficult questions, everyone was worth listening to. For environmentalists, for example, to think that everyone working it civil nuclear power disregarded mankind was to misunderstand completely the nature of the debate, the argument and the sense of moral conviction that existed on both sides.

Benn speaking unlawful activities.

What was the Government's answer to the charge that the fastthe mercy of an expanding armed constabulary, with sweeping powers of general arrest answer-able to no elected body, and to a secret service auswerable effec-

clearance fairly soon for the two extra thermal reactor stations needed by the electricity supply industry. Secondly, he hoped they would make a declaration of

intent fairly soon on the com-mercial fast breeder. He understood there was to be He understood there was to be a public inquiry on the commercial fast breeder. So be it. The Government should set a time limit to it. It should not be allowed to go on and on. It should be strictly a site planning inquiry. He hoped the Government would not give the impression that they were putting the fast breeder on trial.

Mir Peter Rost (South-East Derby-shire. C) said that the Flowers report had a clear message that there were dangers in the pluto-nium route, but it went on to point out that despite those dangers, the choice is inevitably Mr Arthur Blenkinson (South Shields, Lab) said those members of the public who gave serious evidence, to the benefit of the public, at inquiries such as Windwale should receive financial help, possibly at the direction of the chairman of the inquiry.

Mr George Thompson (Galloway, scot Nat) said that for Scots there was the fundamental question of what control, if any, they had over their own land. The message was crystal-clear. They had

Petrol price display order to be reviewed soon

Mr John Sever (Birmingham, Ladywood, Lab) asked what rep-recentarions had been received about the practice of garages selling part gallons of petrol at different rates per gallon than full additional control of the control of the

Secretary for Prices and Consumer Protection, in a written reply said—I have received a number of complaints about this practice which I heliere to be undestrable and unnecessary. I understand that it is not always practical to set the price computing mechanism at the lower price and consequently a discount has to be applied.

However, I see no good reason

Mr Robert Maciennan, Under-Secretary for Prices and Consumer

However, I see no good reason thy this discount has to be

limited to full gallons only, par-ticularly where there is a large difference between the pump and discount prices.

The debate was adjourned.

House adjourned, 2 pm.

The fast breeder reactor research was going on on a fairly substantial scale.

discount prices.

We intend shortly to review the operation of the Petrol Prices (Display) Order 1977 and unless by that time, there is a marked improvement. I propose to take steps to ensure that customers are being asked to pay, whether for whole or part gallons of petrol. In the meantime, motorists should either avoid garages with quantity-related conditions of sale or if they do use them, make sure that they purchase petrol only in full gailons and not by value or merely "filling up".

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only one duty in the present case, a duty to register the option with in a resourche time, and that was broken once end for all when a present the tank that elapsed. If that were right it must conclude any claim in commact. Mr Harman, however, said that that was not the failure of which complaint was made; the breach complaint was made; the breach complained of was the non-performance of the solicitors' chilgation to register before a third party acquired an interest. That was the obligation that the defendant solicitors had assumed; and it was an collection that continued to bind them until that communed to bind them until Angust 17, 1967.
Unassisted by authority his Lordship would again favour Mr Harman's submission. The reality of the plaintiff's complaint was not that the option was not registered within a reasonable time but that it was not registered at all. The defendant solicitors simply did not derform their contract.

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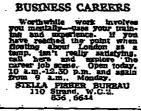
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more familiar Florentine colours. the base is filled by means of a tube that runs to the top of the trough and a suitable wick keeps the moisture seeping up to the plants. Made by Sankey, strong and easy to wipe clean, the trough is £2.95 (plus 85 pence p/p) and the plants stay moist enough for about a week after the reservoir is empty.

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fumed pen that is also a pendant in either gold or silver colour finish, hanging on a gold-coloured chain. Keep the top of the pen full of your favourite perfume (£4.20 including postage). A copy of Casa magazine will come to you free when you buy anything but you can send 20p for a sample of the latest copy to inspect the possibilities. The full address is Casa Magazine International House, 85 Great

Birds give inordinate pleasure to so many people, and especially to the sick, elderly, loosely and disabled. Not every body has a garden but pretty well everybody has a wandow-sill on to which a patent bird feeding table can be diamped tike the mincer used to be clamped to old-fashioned kitchen mbles. This particular one has a wide international mar-ket, is strongly made, well coated in white plastic and can be one-tray or two-tray ver-sions. The tray, of high-impact Polystyrene, is about 12 by 61 inches and the feeder can easily be unclamped and re-

that you can put scraps or seed on one side and water on the other. I can think of few necer gifts for young or old at nacer gifts for young or old at home anuch of time day. With, perhaps, a nace timle paperback on British birds (or foreign if sending abroad). The address is Kings House, Nadderwater, Exeter EX4 2LD.

moved for washing when the weather becomes really filthy. The two-tray model is £5.90 the two-tray model is 12.30 phus 60p, while the original one-tray version from which it was developed is 64.20 plus 60p. By the way, even the single tray is in two parts, one on either side of the upright framework, so



There is some very expensive but rather irresistible stationery in Harrods just now. A pack of personal invitation cylinders is really lovely for the special party. transparent box contains 10 silvered tubes, just over seven inches long, some gilt-edged, parchment-coloured invitation letters (too big to be cards), a little bag of square golden sequins (which the maker calls confetti) some adhesive-backed labels for the silver cylinder. Write your invitation, sprinkle with the confetti-which seems to cling well—and roll the message into the cylinder, Label it and post, hoping it will arrive undamaged but, since it is just about one inch in diameter and fairly tough, it should be all right. The pack costs £9.50 and you ask for The Conferti Invitation Proclamation set. Postage is

Then there is an Executive Pass the Buck slip pad, marked with numerous brief messages like "Review and Summarize", "Destroy before reading".

Nearly all the messages are jokes but some actually might apply quite seriously, such as "Return", "Retain", or "Route". Slots for names and dates, plus space for signature, would enliven normal office routines. In smart brown lettering on warm beige ground, these slender action slips cost £3.80 for goodness knows how

many sheets but the pad is just over inches thick. Add £1.13 for postage outside Harrods free delivery area.

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The Adult Letter Pad bas 25 fold-and-s cards, measuring about 11 by 81 inches Ornate in white with blue borders, th large card carries a number of message like "owe you a letter/apology/etc, realize what a fool I've been" and suchlike. The pad is £3.80 plus 49 pence p & p. A really original and delightful gift, if

costly, is the Tsiao Liu Chiu Tea Brick, made of quality China tea compressed in a die powered by oxen. It is thus made into a brick with sharply cut decoration on one face of the brick. Such tea bricks have been used for more than 2,000 years as convenient ways of transporting tea and they even became bartering currency at one time. When wanted, the tea brick can be crushed to use as tea leaves or, I suppose, one could break off pieces. Apart from the somewhat architectural but charming decoration, there is a Chinese inscription reading "Manufactured by Tsiao Liu Chiu Tea Brick Pactory China Tea Industry Company". Decorative yet smelling of China tea, and one of the really original gifts f have seen. Some people varnish them to: perpetual ornaments but that must kill the tea smell which would probably fade with time anyway. They cost £4.50 each to personal shoppers only.

This year natural earth-grown Christmas trees are scarce in many parts of the country because the past popularity of shimmering, artificial trees caused a drop in sales of the true trees transport on that fewer outdoor variety so that fewer were planted and there are now just not enough to meet the newval in demand for the natural tree.

There are people who fear for the damage to dogs, cats and even crawling or todding babies from the sharp green needles of natural trees. There are others who hate the dropping needles on the carpet and who should buy the Synchemicals S. 600 aerosol, from most change or nurseries. It garden shops or nurseries. It coats the needles protectively to hold in as much of the innate moisture as possible so that they fall less easily. Used for the leaves of transplant curtings or plants to retain moisture, it is a very useful cover-up for the Christmas tree.

The other way to prevent needle-drop somewhat—it being impossible to do so entirely—is to stand the cut end of the trunk in water. There are many trunk in water. There are many tree-holders about at prices ranging up to about £8, but the cheapest I know is the stand from Casa ar £2.65. A tripod with large grub-screws holds the trunk firmly while a little bowl within the three legs can be kept filled with water beneath the pretty fabric or paper that hides the green metal construction. Casa, of which more elsewhere on this page, is at 85 Great North Road, Haffield, Herts AL9 5EH, and do specify the Tree Stand Offer, but bear in mind that delivery might be three weeks and be resigned if you fail to get it for this year.

Another way of avoiding

Another way of avoiding needles is to follow Colombian tradition and use the cotton tree illustrated here. I bought one some years ago and have used it ever since but have not seen it in the shops or stores to recommend it again. The yarns, in a loose weave, shaped like a tree and stiffened with horizontal struts of bamboo or nonzonial struts in beamout of similar. At the top is a loop for hanging it up and little colouted bobbles decorate the two-tone green "tree". You can hang small, light gifts on it and the struck of you can certainly decorate it with glass baubles or other treehanging charms, besides being able to spray the tips with artificial, aerosol snow. When t is all over, the tree rolls up for storage.

for storage.

Shortage of space was my main reason for buying one. I had tried large trees out in the patio behind the sliding, glass patio doors. They looked wonderful but rain made the lights dangerous so that no-body could actually use the storage of the sto though grandchildren

plants. It is battery-run.

cooed with delight through the glass. Then I tried small ones on the table, also very pretty but inclined to be in the way food and lunchers or diners. Finally I sprayed some coarse-meshed net curtains with gold paint on both sides and until paint on doth sines and until it covered the fabric's original white entirely. I hang this (drawing pins on the wooden frame of the patio windows) all frame of the patio windows) all over the glass and then hang it with baubles. The Colombian cotton tree hangs in the centre, with miniature Christmas tree lights that go back over decades on it. A few more lights so on to the golden net but well away from the tree so as not to spoil the traditional outline. It looks festive, takes up neither floor nor table space and, from outside the bouse. and, from outside the house. and, from outside the house, looks charming when alight so that passers by stop to ask about it. I rarely close curtains at Christmastime and always hang decorations on the front door and in the porch.

Anyway, the Colombian

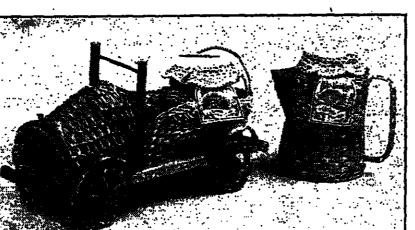
being sold into shops by Elit, the firm that specializes in those lovely lampshades I have already featured, the ones that look like fishermen's keep-nets or similar in various lengths and sizes, all loosely woven in natural yarns mainly graduating from white or palest beige to dark browns but with some lovely russets and greens woven into some of the styles. There are white, red or burnt-

orange versions at Heal's and Omnia Designs (the latter at Richmond or Kentish Town, London) but I'm a green tree fan myself. They are at a great many of the normal Elit stockiers but in view of rime short. ists but, in view of time shortage, you can just buy direct on this occasion from Elit Lighting, Burston House, Burston Road, London SW15 6AR. at £5.50 for the smaller tree (42 inches high) or £8.50 for the larger (72 inches tall). That includes postage so they might be cheaper at stockists, whose names can be got from Elit

save it only by repotting in some dry, unfertifized earth unless the roots are already possoned by the overdose. The purring sound should console you when all is well. This Plant Communicator is £7.50 plus 50p p/p from Craven House, Wonersh, Guildford, Surrey and I think I cannot resist one for my armies of

Then we have the Instamatic departments in larger stores. water tester, drawn for you here. It has a larger head than the others and a flexible lead to the probe so that you can hold the reader-window near you but stretch out to a slightly distant plant. It needs no batteries at all and the reading tells you all. It sells at about if you

especially at Selfridges and Heal's, and at Syon Park Gardening Centre. A booklet with it gives the guide to what different plants need. It is dis-tributed by Clifford Gooleik. 161 Russell Court, Woburn Place, London WC1H OLR, who might be persuaded to supply if you cannot find local stock-



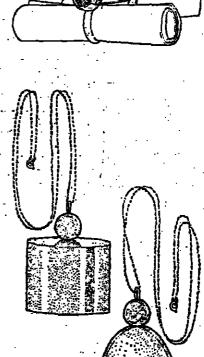
Some enchanting gift products have been made up of Thai silk, like the two table-napkin rings shown here. The bands are of rolled, stitched silk with silken, handmade roses settled on them. Buy them at £8.50 for eight from Selfridges, Macolin of Walton Street, Beattie's of Wolverhampton and Solihull and some other stores and gift shops.
Harvey Nichols/Selfridges would be
good places to find matching Thai silk
spectacle cases (single at £4.50 and
double at £5.50 which is a good idea since some people carry two pairs).

Jewelry rolls for travelling are about 21 and there are some really delightful photo frames in single, double or triple. Very attractive is a gift set at f10 including spectacle case, cosmetic bag a feminal time in thems are quantum at with a series in wicker at Bentall's of Kingston at with upon Thames and Ealing.

All made from recipes by Mrs Bridges of Upstairs, Downstairs are the break-fast marmalades, chutneys and shorting the nutries are quantum at with a series in wicker at Bentall's of Kingston at with a series in with a series in wicker at Bentall's of Kingston at with a series in with a series in with a series in with a series in wicker at

and tiny Kleenex holder, cigarctte case or keyring. All in Thai silk and dainty. I also liked the tiny silver scent bottles, of fine beaten Thailand silver on necklet chains. They cost \$17.95 each but are sparsely stocked so buy direct, adding 20p postage, from Markham Hogarth Designs, 2 Russell Gardens Mews, London, W14. The silver bottles are at Heal's Selfridges, a little shop called Spree at Bembridge on the Isle of Wight, and Pipaluk at Oxford Craft Centre.

Among the nuttier items are quaint-nesses in wicker at Bentall's of Kingston



If you have £157.84 to spend on a Christmas pudding, then go ahead and do just that, from Stuart Devlin, jeweller of fame and skill. The price includes VAT and, when I admit to there being VAT, you will have come to realize that the pudding must be made by Stuart, and that it must be precious. It is an oxidized silver pudding, just two inches high, round and plump like the old bomb shaped pudding. Enamelled holly and gilt plate with openwork rim add to the realism. Open the the pudding and a dozen limb charms are there, like a wishbone, pig. parcel, horseshoe, button etc. Very adorable, very

Also from Devlin is a little carol box in silver gilt and about three inches tail. Inside there are two little silver-gilt tea clippers and one plain silver ship, their sails billowing from the delicate masts, all "sailing" on a blue enamelled sea. These carol boxes will be in ten limited editions only, of which this is already the seventh and each runs to only 500 pieces. The orice of the carol box is £109.60. Stuart Devlin is at 90/92 St John Street, London EC1 (01-253 5380).



■ Two teenage pendants for boys and girls are fun at | ■ The first of the moisture Woolworths. The first is a miniature skateboard pendant, meters came from Diplex complete with moving wheels, on a 22-carat gold-plated Instruments many years ago. chain. As for the board itself, the underside and wheels are for wet or dry with varying gold-plated but the platform is in plain or multi-coloured enamels. The price is only 99p, which makes it either a long-term joy to teenagers or a joke present for anyone.

The other pendant is for anyone but would be loved by the young. It is a silver-plated bullet about 2½ inches long, dangling from a long chain. Remove the bullet's nose and you have a ballpoint pen with which you can write without taking off the chain. Many standard refills fit the pen and the whole pendant is just £1.49 from larger Woolworths

they started selling curved jungle knives, machetes and the like for overgrown patches. The old jungle-type tools still sell all over the world, even to the places where they were originally designed and used and where they are no longer be found.

to be found.
Gardenwork are altogether very good for the old-fashioned tools which cannot be equalled by modern developments for a good many jobs. The tough hoe with the blade at right angles with the birde at right angles to the shaft and the pronged equivalent of same are about 18.25 plus 75p carriage. A strong, pointed shovel beats a flat-bladed spade for much excavation work in frost-hard gardens (£9 plus £1). Mattocks will deal with taking up big stones, paving or packed earth (£10 plus £2). There is one tilling weapon with a forked tip, carrying two sharp, strong points to break up hard ground, remove suckers from deep remove suckers from deep down, and cope with all manner of tough garden chores.

Arthritics especially welcome these tools, and Gardenwork is now working with Age Concern as well as with disabled bodies to develop tools especially for them so please do let them know of any relevant personal experiences or discoveries about gardening from wheel-chairs, unbending positions and the like. Their Fastgun Spray bottle has dozens of uses since it can fit to the hose to mix solutions with the running solutions with the running water, making weed-killing, car-reashing, lawn-feeding, spraying and such quite simple.

simple shopping version, a available.

Gardenwork is an old heavy-duty model and a de luxe favourite of mine, ever since model cost from £9.50 to the latter has a third wheel. Shopping bags can be supplied at £3 extra to convert the all-purpose trolley and there are strong hook attachments. The lightweight models fold up when not carrying fertilizer to the other end of your land or trundling around the local supermarket.

One of the latest lines is a

suffocated.

log basket, woven from old English willow to a traditional design of deepness and strength, made by craftsmen for 1,000 years or more. These are the baskets one used to see out in the fields when more crops were hand-harvested and they are wonderful for toys, laundry, general junk and anything you fancy. I have a forbear in my bathroom, filled with indoor gardening tools, pots of all sizes, netting, seed packers, sprays, bags of ready-mixed porting composts and the closs I slip on to garden on my bal-cony. Why the bathroom? Be-cause there is space, it is next to the bedroom, which is open to the balcony, and my bed-room, bathroom and balcony are practically plant forests. I hate to tell you how little mine cost me 17 years ago, but the Gardenwork willow basket is now good value at £7 plus £1 carriage. It measures about 16 inches deep by some 18 inches diameter but, being hand-made, measurements cannot be exact. It should hold some 40lb of logs according to the cutting sizes and it looks really good by the hearth.

Gardenwork accepts Access and Barclaycard, despatches promptly and discounts some objects for orders of two or A range of trolleys called three The address is The Dell. Ease-cload is worth seeing or Catherine de Barnes, Solihull, reading about in leaflets. A West Midlands, and leaflets are

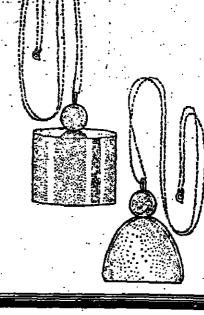
I honestly cannot think why anyone should want a musical telephone but, my instinct being to hope that I shall sometimes actually get a little peace from telephones. I could be prejudiced about these indispensable instruments. So, for the record, let me tell you that you can buy music boxes with telephone rests in olive, red or green to match the popular phone colours. While your caller holds on, pass his or her time with gentle music. The price is £4.99 including VAT, postage and all, and the address is Middle-sex Mail Orders, 43 Nibthwaite Road, Harrow HA1 1TB,

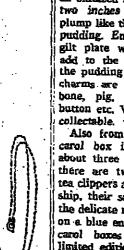


integrity. This one has a plant needs fertilizer. A fast rounded head and twin probes click may indicate none or just plus an inbuilt "talking" system, and it is sold with a transthat the poor plant is badly lation booklet for such noises.

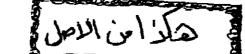
shaped like watering cans (£1.99 plus 95p postage), a vintage car at £3.65 plus 95p, and a jug at £1.79 (95p). To tell the truth, there is an Upstairs. Downstairs distributor in Scotland, as readers of this page will know, and a Mrs Bridges does make preserves for

Bentall's Christmas display is terrific and do not forget that there are also stores at Worthing and in Mary Lee of Tunbridge Wells as well as at Bracknell, all with lots of parking spaces near by. 2 fetish with Rowan Bentall who has invested much of his money and his time to ensure that shoppers' cars are catered for. The Bracknell store is as well served as Kingston and very good

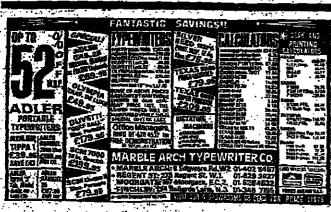




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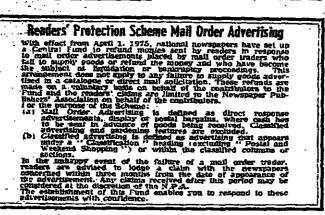
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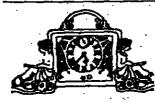
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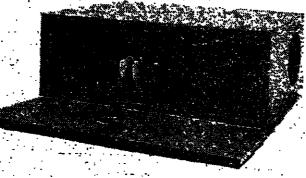
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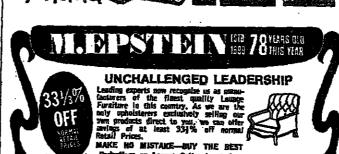
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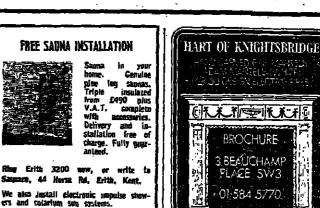
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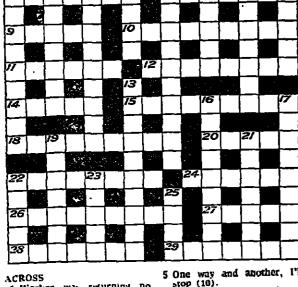
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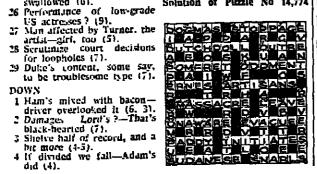
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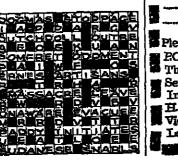
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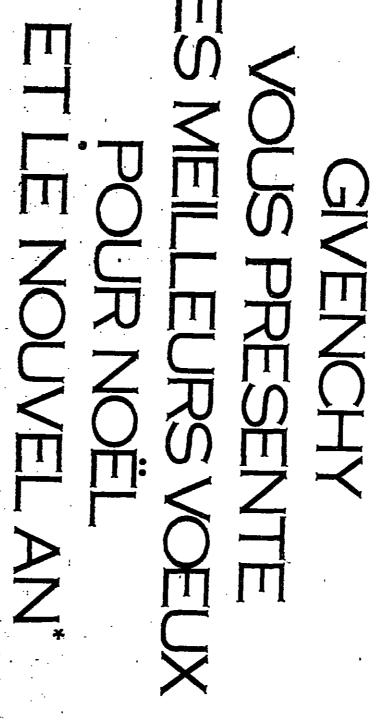
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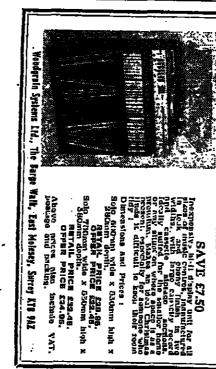
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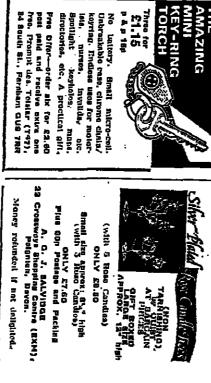




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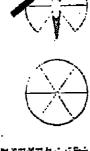
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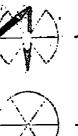


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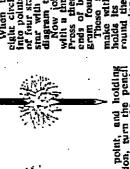
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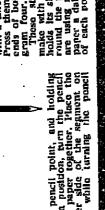


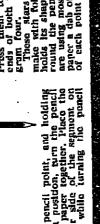


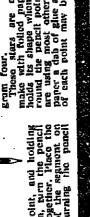


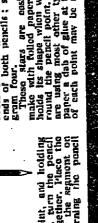




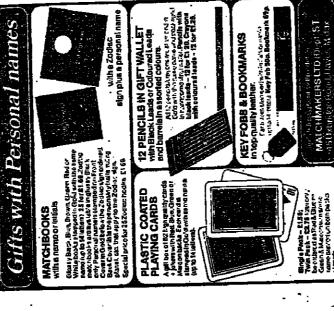












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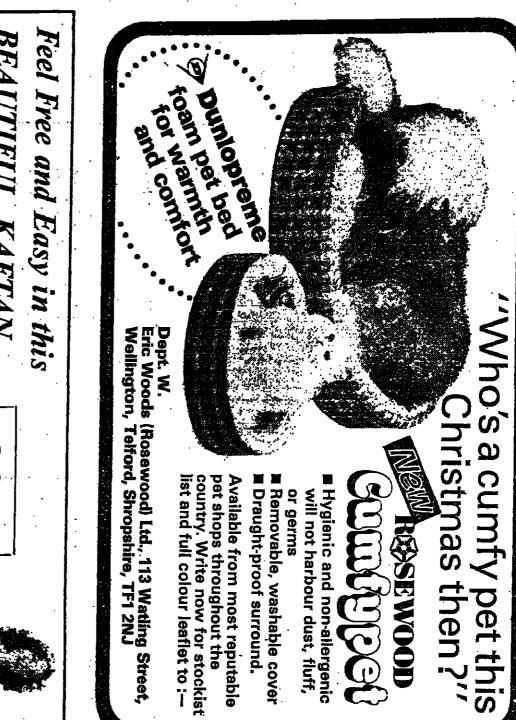
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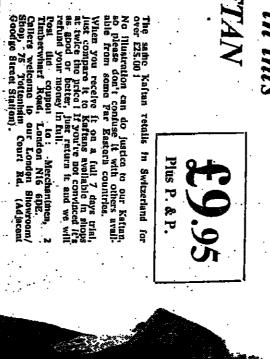
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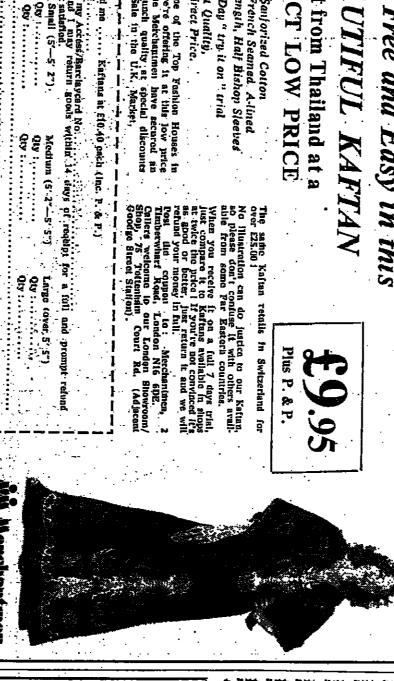


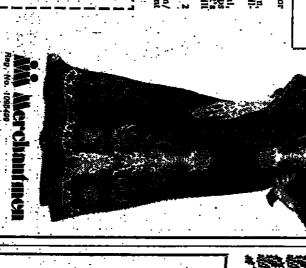
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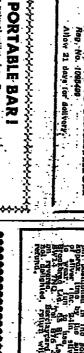
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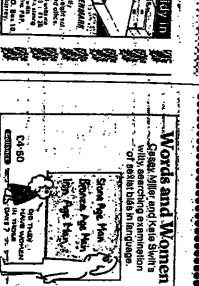
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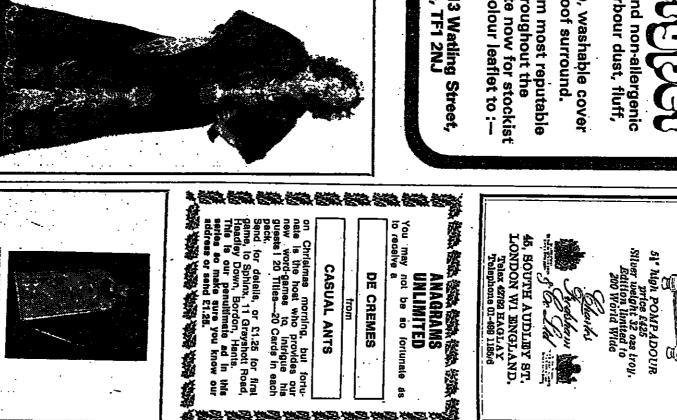
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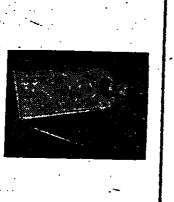
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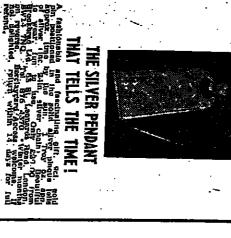


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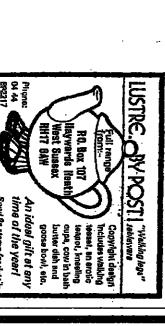




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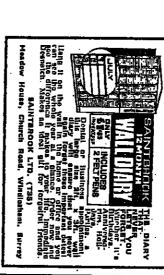




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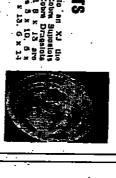
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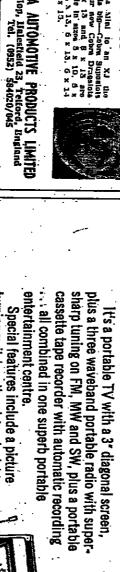
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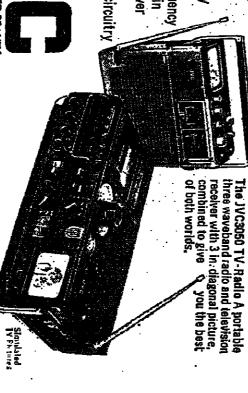


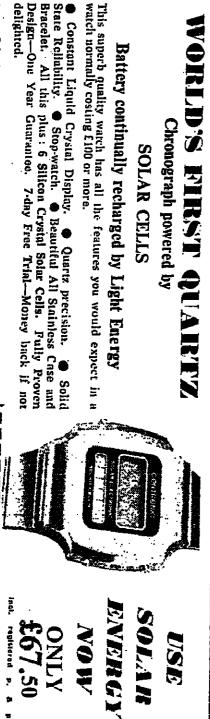












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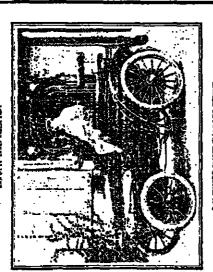
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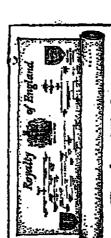
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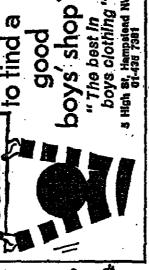
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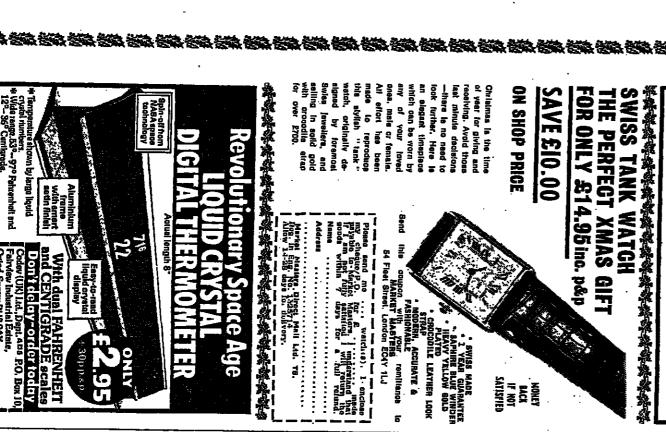
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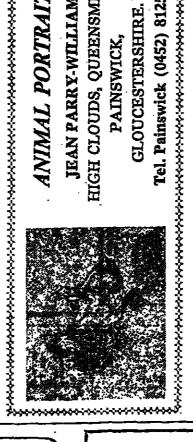
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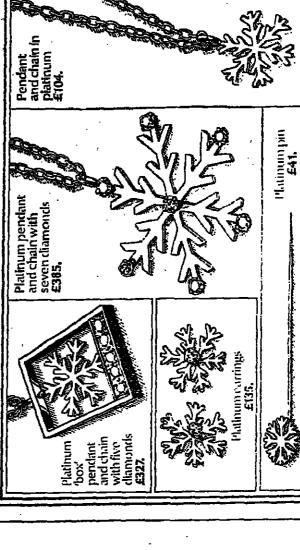


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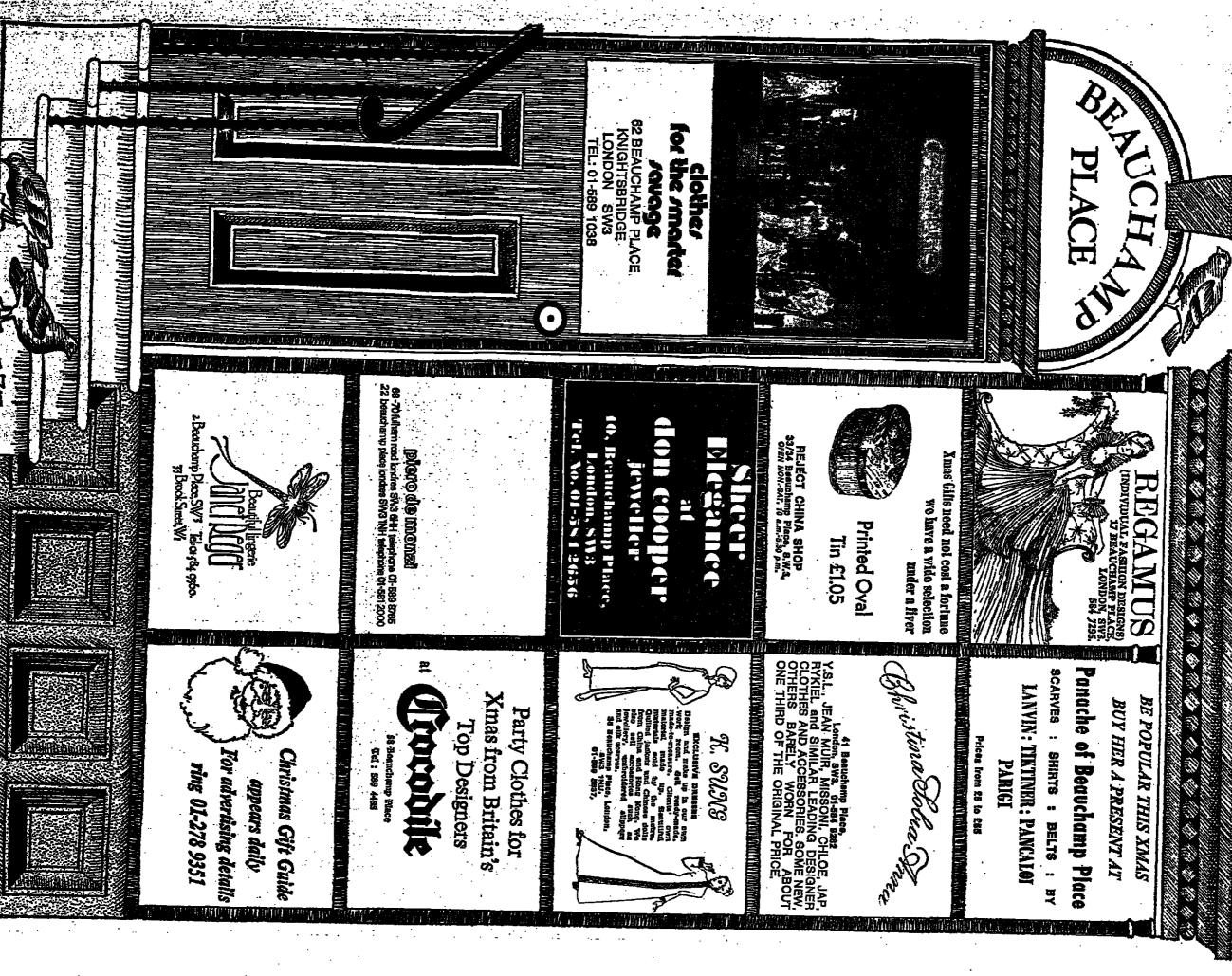
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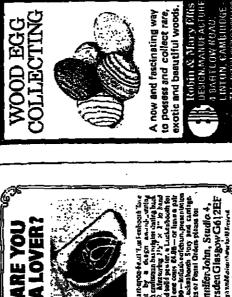
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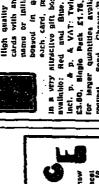




















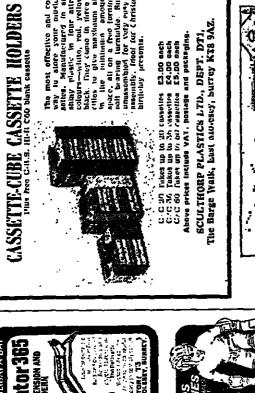












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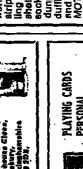
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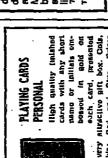
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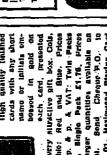




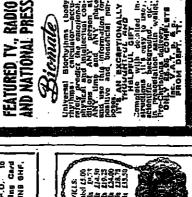
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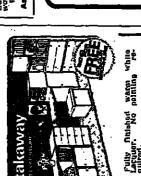


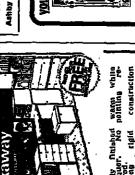


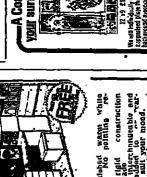
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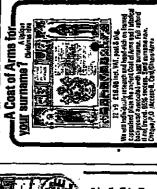








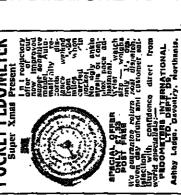


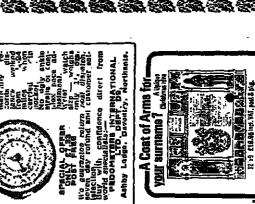


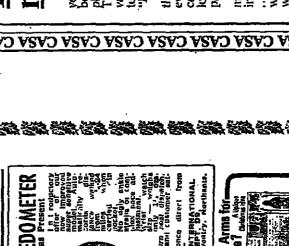










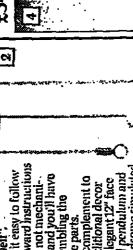




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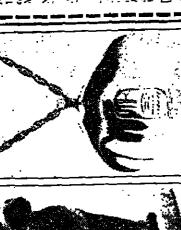
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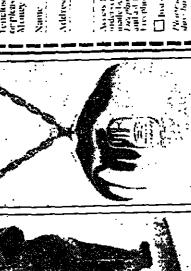
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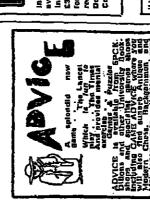
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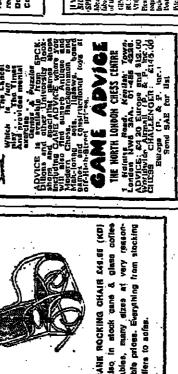
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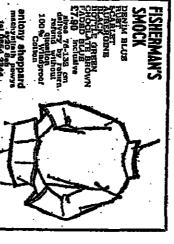
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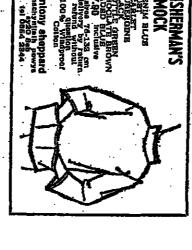
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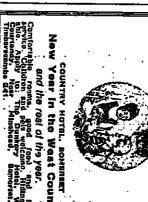
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2-4 tablespoons whipped cresm; Fresh breadcrumbs.

it and freshly ground block oper; egg yolk, beaten; b cooked, turkey, diced; Sparish orden, finely opped; an pepper, finely chopped;

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mi; undit roux just starts to turn solden. Add nilk and cook, siarring constantly, until sauce is reduced to about two-thirds with salt and freshly grund black papper, to taste.

To assemble disht add ‡ pint sauce to the turkey mixture; season to taste with salt and freshly grund black pepper, and pour into a hestproof grath dish. Combine remaining sauce with besten egg yolk and; fold in whitped cream, spread dover creamed turkey mixture, sold in whitped cream, spread over creamed turkey mixture. Sprinkle with fresh bread over creamed turkey mixture, in and brown in a hot oven the grill.

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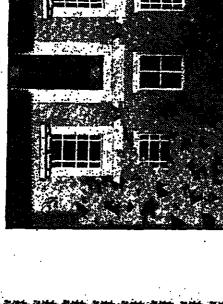
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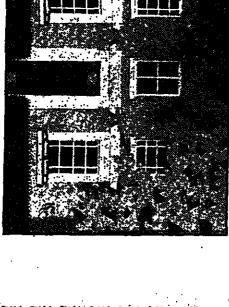
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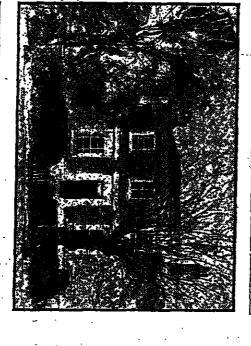


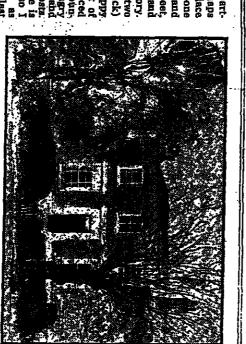




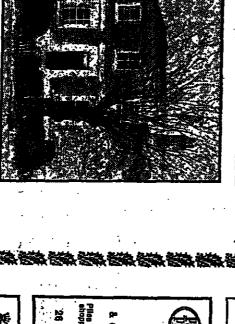


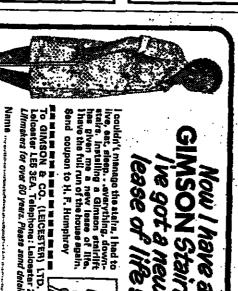


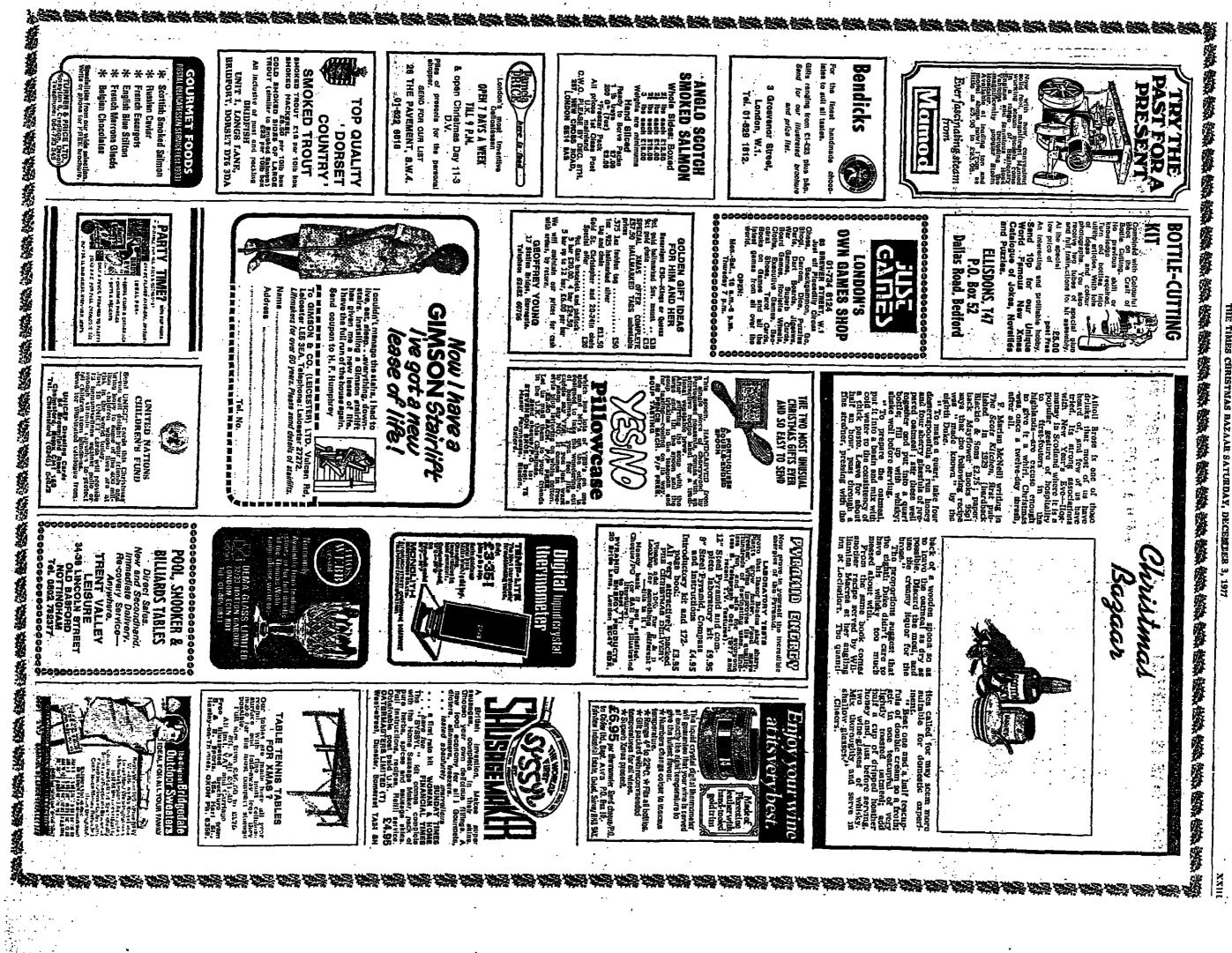


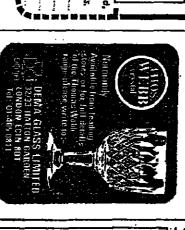


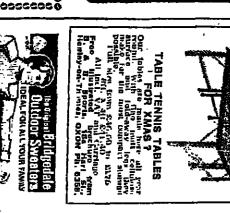






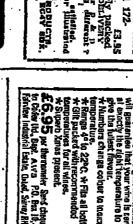


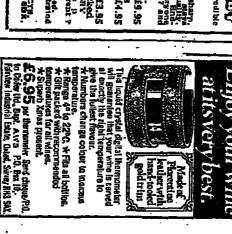


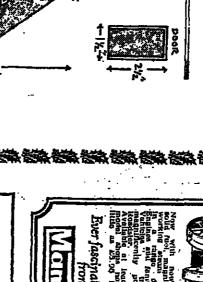










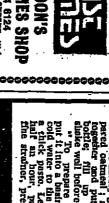


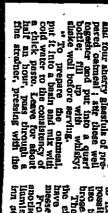


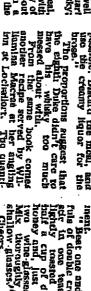


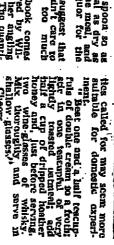




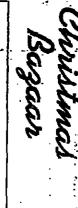






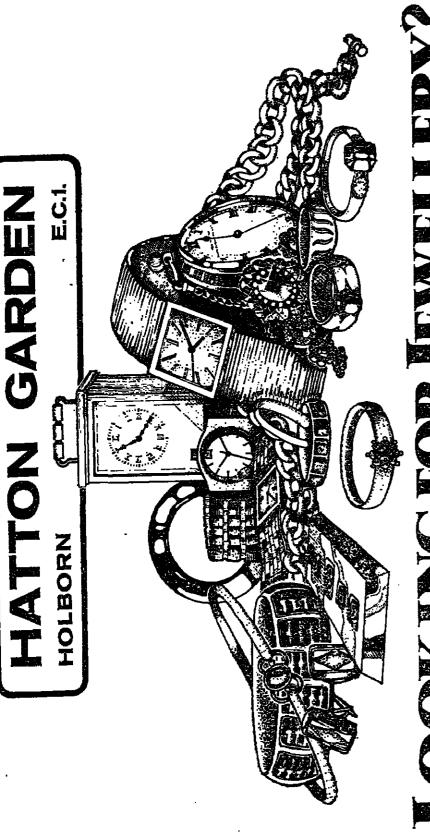






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